

The Indwelling Holy Spirit
A Study of the Book of Romans
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Key Truth: Every believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit and therefore is alive in the Holy Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit enters us and takes over, He sets up residence, and brings new life to the decaying shell of our being. He takes us from being enemies of God to being lovers of God. From being hostile or even apathetic toward God and the things of God, to loving and rejoicing in all things Christlike, biblical, and truly Christian. He turns us from being antagonistic toward followers of Christ, to humbly and gratefully embracing and identifying with those same people we used to ridicule. When the Holy Spirit comes into our Life, everything changes. Through the Holy Spirit's work, we're both *in* Christ and Christ is *in* us.

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 8:6-11** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled "**The Indwelling Holy Spirit.**"

DIG IN

1. A New Life. (Romans 8:6-9a)

In what ways does the indwelling Holy Spirit change our mind (affections)? Give examples.

In what ways do we now please God as redeemed people?

Describe the change in relationship we now have with God and with others through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

2. A New Owner. (Romans 8:9b)

What changes in the last several years have you made in your life as a result of the Holy Spirit taking up residence in you and as a result of this change of ownership?

In what ways do these changes enable you to glorify God (see 1 Corinthians 6:20)?

3. A New Hope. (Romans 8:10-11)

In what ways are we raised now? In what ways are we not yet raised?

How does the guarantee of the Holy Spirit (see Ephesians 1:13-14) give you confidence to endure trials and sufferings today?

In what ways does the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit change the way we pray and live our lives?

DO

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?