

**Loris First Baptist Church**  
***“52 Vital Doctrines of The Bible”***

Doctrine #17: God the Holy Spirit (His Indwelling and Sealing)

Note: Most information based on pages 102-107 of the book “Major Bible Themes” by Lewis Sperry Chaffer.

**Opening Comments about God the Holy Spirit, His Indwelling and Sealing:**

1. Although the Spirit of God was “with men” in the Old Testament, the source of their new life, and the means of spiritual victory, there is *no evidence* that all believers in the Old Testament were “indwelt” by Him.
2. This is made plain by the “silence” of the Old Testament on this doctrine and by the express teaching of Jesus Christ, contrasting the Old Testament situation with the present age that began after the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ where the Holy Spirit changed His interaction with believers as Christ had spoken of in John 14:16-17.

John 14:16-17 *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know him, for He lives with you and WILL BE IN YOU.”*

3. The indwelling of the Spirit in every believer is a distinctive feature of the present age which will be repeated in the millennial kingdom but is found in no other period.

**The Universal Indwelling of the Holy Spirit in Believers:**

4. Although Christians may vary greatly in spiritual power and in manifesting the fruit of the Spirit, Scripture teaches plainly that “every” Christian is *indwelt* by the Spirit of God since the day of Pentecost.
5. The fact of “indwelling” of the Holy Spirit within a believer is mentioned in so many passages that it should not be questioned by anyone recognizing the authority of Scripture.

John 7:37-39 *“On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow FROM WITHIN HIM.’ By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were LATER TO RECEIVE. Up to that time the Spirit HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.”*

Acts 11:16-17 "Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If therefore God gave them THE SAME GIFT (i.e. the indwelling of the Holy Spirit) as He gave us WHEN WE BELIEVED ON the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?"

Romans 5:5 "And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love INTO OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, whom He has given us."

Romans 8:9 "You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God LIVES IN YOU. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, HE DOES NOT BELONG TO CHRIST."

Romans 8:11 "And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead IS LIVING IN YOU, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, WHO LIVES IN YOU."

1 Corinthians 2:12 "We have not received the spirit of the world but THE SPIRIT WHO IS FROM GOD, that we may understand what God has freely given us."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, WHO IS IN YOU, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

1 Corinthians 12:13 "FOR WE WERE ALL baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and WE WERE ALL given the one Spirit to drink."

2 Corinthians 5:5 "Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

Galatians 3:2 "I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or BY BELIEVING WHAT YOU HEARD?"

Galatians 4:6 "Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son INTO OUR HEARTS, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.'"

1 John 3:24 "Those who obey His commands live in Him, and HE IN THEM. And this is how we know that HE LIVES IN US: We know it by the Spirit He gave us."

1 John 4:13 "We know that we live in Him and HE IN US, because He has given us of HIS SPIRIT. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world."

**NOTE:** Temporary delays in indwelling were recorded in a few instances. In each case, the delay was not caused by some “inferior” status of the believers who were “waiting” on the Holy Spirit, rather, the delay was due to God wanting to *affirm the authority of His true apostles* by causing believers to have to wait until one of them arrived on the scene before the Holy Spirit was given to indwell new believers. This protected new believers from false prophets and false gospels UNTIL THE WORD OF GOD (New Testament) WAS RECORDED AND PROVIDED to the church.

Acts 8:14-17 “*When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent PETER and JOHN to them. WHEN THEY ARRIVED, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*”

Acts 19:1-6 “*While Apollos was at Corinth, PAUL took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’ They answered, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’ So Paul asked, ‘Then what baptism did you receive?’ ‘John’s baptism,’ they replied. Paul said, ‘John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.’ On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. WHEN PAUL PLACED HIS HANDS ON THEM, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.*”

6. These passages make plain that prior to the day of Pentecost the Old Testament order—in which only some were indwelt—was in effect, but after Pentecost the normal work of the Spirit has been TO INDWELL “EVERY” CHRISTIAN.
7. The Scriptures not only point to the fact that “every” Christian is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, the Scriptures also make it clear that anyone who is NOT indwelt by the Holy Spirit are simply NOT TRUE BELIEVERS!

Romans 8:9 “*You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God LIVES IN YOU. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, HE DOES NOT BELONG TO CHRIST.*”

Jude 17-19 “*But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. They said to you, ‘In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.’ These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and DO NOT HAVE THE SPIRIT.*”

8. Arguments that the “indwelling” of the Holy Spirit may be “delayed” or “lost” by unconfessed and/or unrepented of sin in a believer’s life is not supported by Scripture.
  - a. According to the Bible, Christians who are living outside the will of God still have the presence of the Holy Spirit, even if they have “limited” His effective work in their lives because of their unconfessed and/or unrepented of sin.

Ephesians 4:30-32 “And DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, with whom you were SEALED FOR THE DAY OF REDEMPTION. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, JUST AS IN CHRIST GOD FORGAVE YOU.”

1Thessalonians 5:19 “Do not QUENCH the Spirit.”

- b. Paul, while chastising his Corinthian “brothers” (i.e. “fellow Christians”), he reminds them that “because” they (NOT IN ORDER TO) have the Holy Spirit “dwelling within” them, they need to repent of their sins.

1Corinthians 6:18-20 “FLEE FROM SEXUAL IMMORALITY. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore HONOR GOD WITH YOUR BODY.”

9. The Holy Spirit is also repeatedly declared to be “a gift” of God, and a gift by its nature is something made “without merit” on the part of the recipient.

Acts 11:16-17 “Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, ‘John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If therefore God GAVE THEM THE SAME GIFT (i.e. the indwelling of the Holy Spirit) as HE GAVE US when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?”

Romans 5:5 “And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM HE HAS GIVEN US.”

1Corinthians 2:12 “We have not received the spirit of the world but THE SPIRIT who is from God, that we may understand what God has FREELY GIVEN US.”

2Corinthians 5:5 “Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and HAS GIVEN US the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”

10. Likewise, the high standard of life required of Christians who want to walk with the Lord presumes the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit as providing the necessary divine enablement.

- a. Just as priests and kings were anointed and set apart to their sacred tasks, so the Christian is anointed by the Holy Spirit at the time of salvation and by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit set apart to his new life in Christ.

2Corinthians 1:21-22 *“Now it is God WHO MAKES BOTH US AND YOU STAND FIRM in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put HIS SPIRIT in our hearts as a deposit, GUARANTEEING WHAT IS TO COME.”*

1John 2:20 *“But you have AN ANOINTING FROM THE HOLY ONE, and all of you KNOW THE TRUTH.”*

1John 2:27 *“As for you, THE ANOINTING YOU RECEIVED FROM HIM (i.e. “The Holy Spirit”) remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But AS HIS ANOINTING TEACHES YOU ABOUT ALL THINGS and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, REMAIN IN HIM.”*

- b. The “anointing” is universal (i.e. “applies to every believer”), occurs at the moment of salvation, and doctrinally is the same as the indwelling of the Spirit.
- c. The teaching that one is “anointed” subsequent to salvation and that it is a “SECOND WORK” of grace or possible only when “filled with the Spirit” is NOT the teaching of Scripture.

### **Problems in the Doctrine of Indwelling**

1. The fact that every believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit has sometimes been challenged on the basis of problem passages.
  - a. Some naive theologians point to what was done in the Old Testament in relation to the Holy Spirit and then apply it to what is currently being done post-New Testament.

1Samuel 16:14 *“Now THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD HAD DEPARTED FROM SAUL, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.”*

Psalms 51:10-11 *“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and RENEW a steadfast spirit WITHIN ME. Do not cast me from Your presence or TAKE YOUR HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME.”*

- b. Based on what happened to Saul (1 Samuel 16:14) and the content of David's prayer (Psalm 51:10-11), some have believed that one who possesses the Spirit can lose the Spirit of God. But Saul and David were interacting with the Holy Spirit based on the Old Testament order "before" Jesus Christ came and introduced a new "permanent" relationship between a believer and the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16 *"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor (i.e. "the Holy Spirit") to BE WITH YOU FOREVER..."*

- c. Before Jesus Christ rose from the dead after "atoning" for mankind's sin, the pre-Calvary interaction of believers with the Holy Spirit allowed for a "temporary" indwelling for specific purposes as determined by God, and then accordingly, that which was sovereignly given could be sovereignly taken away.
2. Three passages in Acts also seem to imply a problem in the universal indwelling of the Holy Spirit amongst all Christians.
    - a. Some verses in Acts can be misunderstood to believe they are revealing that the "indwelling" of the Holy Spirit is given to just the "faithful" believers based on their "obedience" to God, not something that occurs automatically to all believers at the moment of salvation.

Acts 5:32 *"We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given TO THOSE WHO OBEY HIM."*

- 1) The "context" of this obedience is referring to obeying the revelation of God to "believe the gospel of Jesus Christ" and so be "saved"; which would lead to all who believe in Christ to be "born again" (John 3:3, 5) and "indwelt" by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9) until they are taken into heaven (John 14:1-3).

Ephesians 1:13-14 *"And you also were included in Christ WHEN YOU HEARD THE WORD OF TRUTH, THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit GUARANTEEING OUR INHERITANCE UNTIL THE REDEMPTION of those who are God's possession—to the praise of His glory."*

- 2) Scripture clearly indicates that some who are partially disobedient still possess the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30-32 *"And DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, with whom you were SEALED FOR THE DAY OF REDEMPTION. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice (i.e. "sin"). Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, JUST AS IN CHRIST GOD FORGAVE YOU."*

- b. The delay in administering the Spirit on the part of those who heard the gospel through Philip in Samaria was occasioned by the necessity of connecting this new work of the Spirit with that of the apostles in Jerusalem.

Acts 8:14-16 *“When THE APOSTLES in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent PETER and JOHN to them. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.”*

- 1) Accordingly, the giving of the Spirit was delayed until the apostles laid hands on the new believers. This validated the authority of the apostles and their gospel message until the New Testament could be recorded and revealed as God’s Word.

Acts 8:17 *“Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.”*

- 2) When an apostle was the “preacher of the gospel”, this delay of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit did NOT occur; therefore, no laying on of hands was necessary for any new believers that believed the apostles’ gospel message about Christ.

Acts 10:44-45 *“While PETER was still speaking these words, THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME ON ALL WHO HEARD THE MESSAGE. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT had been poured out even on the Gentiles.”*

- 3) Subsequently, now that we have the God-inspired writings of the apostles (i.e. the New Testament), those who believe the Word of God (i.e. “the gospel”) are immediately indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

1Thessalonians 2:6b-9 *“AS APOSTLES OF CHRIST we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted TO SHARE WITH YOU NOT ONLY THE GOSPEL OF GOD but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone WHILE WE PREACHED THE GOSPEL OF GOD TO YOU.”*

1Thessalonians 2:13 *“And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, YOU ACCEPTED IT not as the word of men, but as it actually is, THE WORD OF GOD, which is at work IN YOU WHO BELIEVE.”*

Ephesians 1:13-14 *“And you also were included in Christ WHEN YOU HEARD THE WORD OF TRUTH, THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit GUARANTEEING OUR INHERITANCE UNTIL THE REDEMPTION of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of His glory.”*

- c. Another passage in the book of Acts is often misinterpreted to try and claim that the Holy Spirit does not “indwell” every believer until a special “laying on of hands” by a superior believer.

Acts 19:1-6 *“While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’ They answered, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’ So Paul asked, ‘Then what baptism did you receive?’ ‘JOHN’S BAPTISM,’ they replied. Paul said, ‘John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the One coming after him, that is, IN JESUS.’ On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. WHEN PAUL PLACED HIS HANDS ON THEM, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.”*

- 1) The situation in Acts 19:1-6 seems to refer to those who had believed in John the Baptist but had never believed in Christ.
- 2) Paul seems to be “surprised” that these believers in Ephesus were NOT indwelt with the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:2-3).
- 3) They received the Spirit when Paul (an “apostle”) preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to them and then laid his hands on them.

NOTE: This again is an “abnormal” rather than a normal situation and is never repeated!

3. Thus all the arguments that use either Old Testament verses (1 Samuel 14:16; Psalm 51:11) or verses from the book of Acts (Acts 5:32; Acts 8:14-16; Acts 19:1-6, etc.) to try to prove that not all believers today are indwelt with the Holy Spirit, but some must either demonstrate “obedience” or wait on the “laying on of hands”, can be proven to be “unscriptural” and “taking verses out of context” upon careful study of the passages in which a delay in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit occurs.

### **The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Contrasted With Other Ministries**

1. Because a number of works of the Spirit occur simultaneously at the time of the new birth of the believer, careful distinction should be made between these different undertakings of the Spirit.
  - a. The “indwelling” of the Spirit is, accordingly, NOT THE SAME as the “regeneration” of the Spirit, although they occur at the same time.



- b. Likewise, “regeneration” and “indwelling” of the Holy Spirit are NOT the same as the “baptism” of the Spirit to be discussed in Doctrine #18.
- c. The “indwelling” of the Spirit is NOT the same as the “filling” of the Spirit:
  - 1) All Christians are “indwelt” but NOT all Christians are “filled” with the Spirit.

(Paul is talking to Christians at Ephesus when he says) Ephesians 5:17-18 *“Therefore DO NOT BE FOOLISH, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, BE FILLED (i.e. “continuous activity” of a believer) WITH THE SPIRIT.”*

- 2) Also, indwelling occurs once and for all, while the filling of the Spirit can occur many times in a Christian’s experience.

- d. The “indwelling” of the Spirit IS THE SAME, however, as the “anointing” of the Spirit and the “sealing” of the Spirit.

- 2. By the indwelling of the Spirit, the individual is “sanctified” or “set apart” for God.
  - a. In the Old Testament the “anointing oil” typifies the present anointing by the Spirit.
  - b. Anything touched in the O.T. with the anointing oil was thereby “sanctified”.

Exodus 40:9-15 *“Take THE ANOINTING OIL and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy. Then ANOINT THE ALTAR of burnt offering and all its utensils; CONSECRATE THE ALTAR, and it will be most holy. Anoint the basin and its stand and consecrate them. Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and wash them with water. Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, ANOINT HIM and CONSECRATE HIM so he MAY SERVE ME AS PRIEST. Bring his sons and dress them in tunics. ANOINT THEM just as you anointed their father, SO THEY MAY SERVE ME AS PRIESTS. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue for all generations to come.”*

In like manner, the Spirit now “sanctifies”:

Romans 15:16 *“...so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.”*

1Corinthians 6:11 *“And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, YOU WERE SANCTIFIED, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”*

2Thessalonians 2:13 *"But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth."*

1Peter 1:2 *"...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ..."*

b. The "prophet" was sanctified with oil:

1Kings 19:16 *"Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and ANOINT Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet."*

Likewise, Christ was a prophet by the Spirit:

Isaiah 61:1 *"THE SPIRIT OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD is on Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor..."*

Luke 4:14-18 *"Jesus returned to Galilee IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT, and news about Him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised Him. He went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue, as was His custom. And He stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor...'"*

The believer is a witness by the Spirit:

Acts 1:8 *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be MY WITNESSES in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

c. The "priest" was sanctified with oil:

Exodus 40:15 *"ANOINT THEM just as you anointed their father, SO THEY MAY SERVE ME AS PRIESTS. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue for all generations to come."*

Likewise, Christ was our priest in His sacrifice by the Spirit:

Hebrews 9:11-14 *"WHEN CHRIST CAME AS HIGH PRIEST of the good things that are already here, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by HIS OWN BLOOD, having obtained eternal*

*redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through THE ETERNAL SPIRIT offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!*

The believer serves as a “priest” by the Spirit:

Romans 12:1 “*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, **TO OFFER YOUR BODIES AS LIVING SACRIFICES, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.**”*

Revelation 1:5b-6 “*...To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.*”

1Peter 2:9 “*But you are a chosen people, **A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**”*

Ephesians 5:18-20 “*Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”*

d. The “king” was sanctified with oil:

1Samuel 16:13 “*So Samuel took **THE HORN OF OIL AND ANOINTED HIM** in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.”*

Likewise Christ is anointed “king” by the Spirit:

Psalms 45:6-7 “***YOUR THRONE, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be THE SCEPTER OF YOUR KINGDOM. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set You above your companions BY ANOINTING YOU WITH THE OIL OF JOY.**”*

The believer is also to “reign” by the anointing of the Spirit:

Romans 5:17 *“For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more WILL THOSE WHO RECEIVE God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness REIGN IN LIFE through the one man, Jesus Christ.”*

e. The anointing oil was for “healing”:

Luke 10:34 *“He went to him and bandaged his wounds, POURING ON OIL AND WINE. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.”*

The oil in the N.T. suggests the healing of the soul through forgiveness of sin by the Holy Spirit:

James 5:14-15 *“IS ANY ONE OF YOU SICK? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and ANOINT HIM WITH OIL in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith WILL MAKE THE SICK PERSON WELL; the Lord will raise him up. IF HE HAS SINNED, he will be forgiven.”*

f. The oil made the face to shine, which was as the oil of “gladness” and “fresh” oil was required:

Psalm 45:7 *“You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set You above your companions BY ANOINTING YOU WITH THE OIL OF JOY.”*

Psalm 92:10 *“But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil.”*

For a believer, the fruit of the Spirit is “joy” and must be applied “continuously”:

Galatians 5:22 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, JOY, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...”*

Ephesians 5:18 *“Ephesians 5:18-20 “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.”*

g. In the fittings for the tabernacle, oil for the lamps is specified:

Exodus 25:6 “...olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense...”

- 1) The oil suggests the Spirit, the wick the believer as a channel, and the light the outshining of Christ.
- 2) The wick must rest in the oil; so the believer must walk in the Spirit:

Galatians 5:16 “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

- 3) The wick must be free from obstruction; so the believer must not resist the Spirit:

1Thessalonians 5:19 “Do not put out the Spirit’s fire...”

- 4) The wick must be trimmed; so the believer must be cleansed by the confession of his sin:

1John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and PURIFY US from all unrighteousness.”

h. The holy anointing oil was composed of four spices added to oil as a base.

Exodus 30:22-25 “Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Take the following fine spices: 500 shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much (that is, 250 shekels) of fragrant cinnamon, 250 shekels of fragrant cane, 500 shekels of cassia—all according to the sanctuary shekel—and a hin of olive oil. Make these into a sacred anointing oil, A FRAGRANT BLEND, the work of a perfumer. IT WILL BE THE SACRED ANOINTING OIL.’”

- 1) These spices represent peculiar virtues found in Christ.
- 2) This compound thus symbolizes the Spirit taking up the very life and character of Christ and applying it to the believer.
- 3) This oil could in no case be applied to human flesh.

John 3:6 “Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.”

Galatians 5:17 “For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.”

- 4) It could not be imitated, which indicates that God cannot accept anything but the manifestation of the life which is Christ.

Philippians 1:21 *“For to me, TO LIVE IS CHRIST and to die is gain.”*

- 5) Every article of furnishing in the tabernacle must be anointed and thus set apart unto God, which suggests that the believer’s dedication is to be complete.

Romans 12:1-2 *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

### **The Sealing of the Spirit**

1. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is represented as God’s seal in three passages in the New Testament:

2Corinthians 1:21-22 *“Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, SET HIS SEAL OF OWNERSHIP ON US, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”*

Ephesians 1:13 *“And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, YOU WERE MARKED IN HIM WITH A SEAL, the promised Holy Spirit...”*

Ephesians 4:30 *“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, WITH WHOM YOU WERE SEALED for the day of redemption.”*

2. In every important respect, the sealing of the Spirit is entirely a work of God.
  - a. Christians are never exhorted to seek the sealing of the Spirit, as every Christian has already been sealed.
  - b. The sealing of the Holy Spirit, therefore, is just as universal as the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and occurs at the time of salvation.
3. Like the indwelling of the Spirit, the sealing of the Spirit is NOT an “experience” but a “fact” to be accepted by faith.

4. The sealing of the Spirit is a tremendously significant part of the Christian's salvation and indicates his security, his safety, and his ownership by God. In addition, it is the symbol of the finished transaction.
5. The Christian is sealed until the day of the redemption of his body and his presentation in glory.

### **Conclusion**

Taken as a whole, the doctrine of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit as our seal brings great assurance and comfort to the heart of every believer who understands this great truth.

**Loris First Baptist Church**  
***"52 Vital Doctrines of The Bible"***

**Doctrine # 17: "God the Holy Spirit: His Indwelling and Sealing"**

1. Read Pages 1-15 from the Doctrine#17 Study Guide by next Wednesday.

2. Answer the following Questions about "God the Holy Spirit" as you read:

**a. Some Important Facts About The Holy Spirit, His Indwelling and Sealing:**

1. True or False. There is a lot of Scriptural evidence to prove that "all" believers in the Old Testament were "indwelt" with the Holy Spirit just like believers in the New Testament. (page 1, top)
  
2. What occurred in the New Testament which changed the interaction of the Holy Spirit with believers from what had been the norm as revealed in the Old Testament? (page 1, top; see also John 14:16-17)
  
3. True or False. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in EVERY believer is a distinctive feature of the present age which will be repeated in the millennial kingdom but is found in no other biblical period. (page 1, middle)

**b. The Universal Indwelling of the Holy Spirit in Believers:**

1. Scripture teaches plainly that "every" Christian is indwelt by the Spirit of God since what important biblical event? (page 1, bottom)
  
2. According to John 7:37-39, Jesus was speaking about the Holy Spirit to His disciples. These verses reveal that the Holy Spirit "had not yet been given" (i.e. "not indwelling Jesus' believers"). Why not?



3. According to Romans 8:9, where does the “Spirit of God” live if a person “belongs to Christ”?
  
4. According to 1Corinthians 6:19-20, Paul said that a “believer’s body” was a “temple of the Holy Spirit”. Where did Paul tell these “backslidden” believers the Holy Spirit dwelt?
  
5. According to Galatians 3:2, what must you do to “receive” the Holy Spirit?
  
6. In the book of Acts, there were times that “temporary delays” were recorded between the time people believed the gospel of Jesus Christ and their being “indwelt” with the Holy Spirit. Why did God allow this delay? (page 3, top)
  
7. Who were the apostles that the new believers in Samaria had to “wait on” before they could be “indwelt” by the Holy Spirit? (Acts 8:14-17)
  
8. Who was the apostle that the new believers in Ephesus had to “wait on” before they could be “indwelt” by the Holy Spirit? (Acts 19:1-6)
  
9. After Pentecost, what was the “normal” work of the Holy Spirit? (page 3, middle)
  
10. True or False. It is possible to be a true Christian and NOT be “indwelt” by the Holy Spirit. (page 3, bottom; see also Romans 8:9 and Jude 17-19)

11. True or False. Even when a true Christian chooses to “sin”, the Holy Spirit will remain in him, although in a “limited” capacity. (page 4, top; Ephesians 4:30-32; 1Thess 5:19)
  
12. The Holy Spirit is repeatedly declared to be a “gift” of God. A “gift” by its nature is something made without “what” on the part of the recipient? (page 4, middle)
  
13. According to 2Corinthians 5:5, what did God “give us” as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come?
  
14. According to 1John 2:20, what allows all believers to know the truth about Christ?
  
15. True or False. The “anointing” of a believer with the Holy Spirit occurs at the moment of salvation of EVERY believer. (page 5, middle)
  
16. True or False. The “anointing” of a believer by the Holy Spirit is doctrinally different than what is meant by the “indwelling” of a believer by the Holy Spirit. (page 5, middle)
  
17. What happened to Saul in the Old Testament that cannot happen to a believer since Jesus died, was buried, and rose from the grave? (1Samuel 16:14)
  
18. According to John 14:16, after He had ascended to the right hand of the Father, Jesus said He would send the Holy Spirit to His disciples to be “with them” (i.e. “indwell them”) for how long?
  
19. True or False. The only way that a believer can receive the “indwelling” of the Holy Spirit is if they “obey” every single command of God and live a “sinless” life. (pg. 6, middle; Acts 5:32)

20. According to Ephesians 1:13-14, what are two things that must occur for a believer to be “indwelt” by the Holy Spirit?

21. Is it possible for a Christian to be filled with “bitterness”, “rage”, “anger”, and/or “malice” and still be “indwelt” (i.e. “sealed”) by the Holy Spirit until they are redeemed by Christ and taken to heaven?  
(page 6, bottom; Ephesians 4:30-32)

22. True or False. The only way believers in the book of Acts received the “indwelling” of the Holy Spirit was if an apostle laid their hands on the new believers.  
(page 7, middle; Acts 10:44-45)

23. According to many Scriptures in the New Testament, what must a believer “believe” in order to be “indwelt” with the Holy Spirit? (page 7, middle; 1Thessalonians 2:6b-9, 13; Ephesians 1:13-14)

24. True or False. All the arguments that use either the O.T. or the book of Acts to try to prove that not all believers today are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, but some must either demonstrate “obedience” or wait on the “laying on of hands”, can be proven to be false upon careful study of the bible. (page 8, middle-bottom)

**c. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Contrasted with Other Ministries:**

1. True or False. The “indwelling” of the Holy Spirit is the exact same as the “regeneration” of the Holy Spirit because they occur at the exact same time. (page 8, bottom)

2. What are some “differences” between the “indwelling” of the Spirit and “filling” of the Spirit?  
(page 9, top; Ephesians 5:17-18)

3. True or False. The “indwelling” of the Holy Spirit is the same as the “anointing” and the “sealing” of the Holy Spirit. (page 9, middle-top)
  
4. When an individual is “indwelt” by the Holy Spirit, he is “what” for God? (page 9, middle)
  
5. In the Old Testament, what did the “anointing oil” typify? (page 9, middle)
  
6. According to Romans 15:16, what does the Holy Spirit do to Gentiles to make them an offering acceptable to God?
  
7. According to 2Thessalonians 2:13, God chooses believers to be saved through “what”?
  
8. According to Acts 1:8, what is the “anointing” that gives believers to have the power to be effective witnesses for Christ?
  
9. According to Hebrews 9:11-14, the anointing of the Holy Spirit qualifies Jesus Christ to serve as all believers’ what?
  
10. Because of the “anointing” (i.e. “indwelling”) of the Holy Spirit in each believer, Peter refers to Christians as “chosen people” and a “royal” what? (1Peter 2:9)
  
11. What were God’s chosen “kings” anointed with before they assumed the throne?  
(page 11, bottom; 1Samuel 16:13)

12. What was Christ “anointed” with before He became our “king”?  
(page 11, bottom; Psalm 45:6-7; Galatians 5:22)
  
13. What is another thing that “anointing with oil” could do for a person? (page 12, top; Luke 10:34)
  
14. In reference to the tabernacle in the Old Testament, the “oil” of the lamps suggests the Holy Spirit. What does the “wick” and the “light” of the lamps in the tabernacle symbolize? (page 13, top)
  
15. In the tabernacle of Moses, the “wicks” of the lamps needed to be “trimmed” so they could keep giving off strong “light”. What must a believer do to keep “shining” bright for Christ? (1John 1:9)
  
16. What did the four spices of the anointing oil in the O.T. symbolize? (page 13, bottom)

**d. The Sealing of the Spirit:**

1. The “indwelling” of the Holy Spirit is represented as God’s “what” in 2Corinthians 1:21-22, Ephesians 1:13, and Ephesians 4:30? (page 14, middle)
  
2. True or False. In several passages of Scripture, Christians are urged to seek after the “sealing” of the Holy Spirit upon their lives. (page 14, bottom)
  
3. When does the “sealing” of the Holy Spirit occur within a believer? (page 14, bottom)