

SALVATION!

A TWELVE-WEEK SERIES

WEEK 9

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In this ninth lesson we take up three questions: (1) What do we mean when we say that a believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit? (2) Were Old Testament believers indwelt by the Holy Spirit? (3) How does indwelling relate to salvation?

Before we attempt to answer these questions, we need to look at some background material.

We have discovered that the Spirit of God is an infinite Person who is immense, who fills all space and cannot be confined to it, and who is present everywhere at the same time. He is present in every location in the universe, and cannot be shut out of any bit of space!

Now if the Holy Spirit is not absent from any location in space, then it follows that He occupies the same space that the energy and matter of the physical universe occupies. He is not excluded from the space that a star or a planet or a mountain or a tree or a bird or a fish or a building or a lectern or a human being or an angel or a demon occupies. Rather, He fills all space! He is present in this building at all times (not only when services or meetings are being held); He is present in every tree and flower and blade of grass; and He is present in the body of every human being.

How can the Holy Spirit and a physical object occupy the same space at one time? If we say that they do, isn't this pantheism?

Let's try to get clear on this matter by distinguishing between deism, theism, and