

and renewed in the moral and spiritual attributes of his nature, which renewal is manifested in his conduct by a prevailing tendency toward righteousness.

The Spirit of God is an infinite Person who is immense, who fills all space and transcends it, and who is present everywhere at once. He is present in all His perfections in every location in the universe, and fills every bit of space!

Now if the Holy Spirit is present in every bit of space, and not absent from any location in space, then it follows that He occupies the same space that the matter and energy of the universe occupies. This means that He occupies the same space that is occupied by stars and planets and mountains and trees and clouds and oceans and birds and fish and four-legged animals and buildings and pulpits and human beings and angels and demons. All of these things and beings occupy some space; and the Holy Spirit occupies the same space. He is not excluded from the space that a mountain or tree or pulpit or human being occupies; rather He fills all space.

Finite spirits such as human spirits, angelic spirits, and demonic spirits, occupy only one part of space at a time, but the Holy Spirit occupies all of space at the same time. He fills the heavens and the earth with His presence!

The implications of this great truth for the concept of "indwelling" are extremely important!

In the sense of space, the Holy Spirit is always present in every human being's body, including that of the unbeliever! In the sense of space, the Holy Spirit is just as present in the unregenerate person's body as in the regenerate person's body. And this has always been true, from the moment of mankind's creation in Adam to the present moment!

For the Holy Spirit to indwell a human being, then, cannot mean simply to be present in the space a believer's body occupies, since the Holy Spirit occupies all space. And thus if "indwelling" is taken to mean that when a person is an unbeliever, the Holy Spirit is "outside" his or her body, but when a person becomes a believer, the Holy Spirit comes "inside" his or her body, that concept of indwelling is of necessity erroneous and should be discarded! The fact is that the Holy Spirit, as far as space is concerned, is "inside" the body of every human being, as well as outside it! And this includes both believers and unbelievers! Since the Holy Spirit fills all space and is present everywhere, He is present in both believers and unbelievers.

What, then, can "indwelling" possibly mean? Have we drained the word of all meaningful content? Or is there some residue of significant meaning?

Surely there must be some sort of difference between the way the Spirit of God is present in the unbeliever and the way He is present in the believer!