

The Holy Spirit is present in both the believer and the unbeliever, but He does not indwell the unbeliever. (Some earlier writers in this area said that He is present everywhere, but He is resident only in the believer).

What, then, does indwelling mean?

The Holy Spirit is not welcome in the unbeliever's "house", but is an intruder and an undesirable alien. The Spirit is very welcome in the believer's "house", and is a beloved friend and honored guest.

The Holy Spirit is not "at home" in the unbeliever. He is "at home" in the believer.

The Holy Spirit is present in the unbeliever, but as a "squatter". He is present in the believer, and as a resident.

The Holy Spirit is present in the unbeliever, but does not indwell him. The Holy Spirit is present in the believer, and indwells him.

Now we must ask, "What is the scriptural evidence for this ministry?"

Old Testament References

Genesis 41:38 -- "And Pharaoh said to his servants, 'Shall we find as this man in whom is the Spirit of God (אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים בּוֹ)?"

Numbers 27:18 -- "And the Lord said to Moses, 'Take to yourself Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom spirit is (אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר רוּחַ בּוֹ).'"

I Samuel 16:14 -- "And the Spirit of Jehovah departed from Saul."

Psalms 51:11 -- "Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take from me your Holy Spirit."

Isaiah 63:11 -- "Where is the one who placed in the midst of him His Holy Spirit (אֵיזָה הַשֵּׁם בְּקִרְבּוֹ אֶת־רוּחַ קִדְשׁוֹ)?"

Ezekiel 11:19 -- "And I will give to them one heart (or another heart), and a new spirit I will give in your midst (וְרוּחַ חֲדָשָׁה אֶתֶּן בְּקִרְבְּכֶם)."

Ezekiel 36:26 -- "And I will give to you a new heart, and a new spirit I will give in your midst (וְרוּחַ חֲדָשָׁה וְאֶת בְּקִרְבְּכֶם)."

Ezekiel 36:27 -- "And my Spirit I will give in your midst (וְאֶת־רוּחִי אֶתֶּן בְּקִרְבְּכֶם)."

Haggai 2:4-5 -- "For I am with you, says the Lord of hosts. According to my covenant which I made with you when you came out of Egypt, for my Spirit is remaining (or standing) in your midst (וְרוּחִי עֹמֵד בְּתוֹכְכֶם). Fear not."

How shall we understand these scriptures in reference to indwelling? Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Israel in the end time, and the post-exilic remnant of Israel are spoken of in these verses. The references to Saul