

The Indwelling Godhead

Born Again

- I.** At salvation all three Person's of the Godhead indwell the believer.
 - 1. The believer is saved in the realm of his human spirit (Jn. 3:6; 1 Cor. 6:17).
 - 2. The Holy Spirit's indwelling imparts: 1). Anointing—teaching, Christian; 2). Sealing—security; 3). First-fruit—sample of the future freedom; 4). Downpayment—more to come; 5). Holy dwelling place—God's presence.
 - 3. God the Son indwelling gives the believer: 1). Eternal life—an animated, intimate relationship with God; 2). The mind of Christ—the ability to think righteous thoughts.
- II.** God the Father indwells the believer (Jn. 14:23; Eph.4:6).
 - 1. The Father imparts His sperm (1 Jn. 3:9-10).
 - 1) This constitutes the believer as a “born one” belonging to God—child (1 Cor. 6:20).
 - 2) Establishes the believer in the spiritual family of God (1 Jn. 3:1).
 - 2. As Father, He provides discipline (Heb. 12:6-11).
 - 1) Discipline initiated by Christ (1 Cor. 11:28-32; Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25).
 - 2) Discipline intensified by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30).
 - 3) Discipline administered by the Father (Heb. 12:6-8).
 - 4) Discipline designed to produce the “peaceful fruit of righteousness”, corrected behavior (Heb. 12:11).
 - 3. The Father's indwelling provides the believer's participation regarding the Divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4).
 - 1) Identifying the Person of the Father in 2 Peter 1:4.
 - i. Called by the Father (Rom. 8:28-29).
 - ii. Called (2 Pet. 1:3).
 - 2) A “nature” has a *desirous will* (Eph. 2:3).
 - 3) A *desirous will* acts upon *lusts* (Jn. 8:44; Gal. 5:17).
 - 4) Due to participation in the Divine nature, a Christian has a righteous desirous will (Phil 2:13).
 - 5) One human person, two desirous wills from two natures: the sin nature and the divine nature.