

**Scriptures:** The Law of God (Deut. 5) – Romans 8:1-17  
**Singing:** 134:1-3 – 322:3-4 – 389:1, 3, 5, 6 – 69:1, 2, 4 – 69:6-7

Intro: Is it the point you long to know, “Am I His or am I not?”

### THE INDWELLING SPIRIT

- I. The proof of His indwelling
- II. The promise of His indwelling
- III. The purchase of His indwelling

#### **I. The proof or evidence of the Holy Spirit’s indwelling**

- A. Someone living in your house will be known “by the fruits’
  
- B. Having the Spirit of Jesus dwelling in you is also known ‘by the fruits’
  - 1. Outward evidence: *a walking after the Spirit* (Rom. 8:1, 4)
  
  - 2. Inward evidence:
    - a. *being freed from the law of sin and death* (Rom. 8:2, 4, 6)
  
    - b. *having the mind of Spirit* (Rom. 8:5-6, 8)
  
    - c. *having the effects of such minding* (Rom. 8:6)
  
  - 3. These outward & inward marks proof that there is Divine life in you!
  
- C. What are proofs that you have the Spirit of Him that raised Jesus dwell in you?
  - 1. No proof is (1 Cor. 13:1-3)
    - a. Knowing many Bible verses
  
    - b. Being active in church things
  
    - c. Having gift to answer difficult Bible questions
  
    - d. Being quiet, nice, and caring person
  
  - 2. Real proof is
    - a. a deep hatred/grief about sin (Ps. 38:6-8)
  
    - b. hunger & thirst to be and do right before and to God (Matt. 5:6)
  
    - c. love for God which known by its **actions** (1 Cor. 13:4-8)
  
    - d. longings and love for the Lord Jesus (John 6:68-69; 21:15-17)
  
    - e. humility (Ex 3:11; 1 Chron. 17:16)
  
    - f. conviction of “I need Thee” (Ps. 62:1)
  
    - g. love for others (Matt. 8:5-6)

#### **II. The promise of the indwelling of the Spirit**

- A. The promise is that *the best of your life is still to come*
  - 1. To have the Spirit dwell in us *now* is beautiful but not the end of the battle
    - a. Gal. 5:16-17
  
  - 2. Yet His indwelling has the promise for the future: *our mortal bodies raised*
    - a. 1 Cor. 15:42-44; Phil. 3:21; 1 John 3:1-3

### **III. The purchase of the indwelling of the Spirit**

A. The indwelling of the Spirit was bought by Jesus: Heb. 9:12-14

1. "Do this in remembrance of Me" (John 12:27-28)

2. Why did Jesus need to go *into this depth of hell on the cross?*

a. to purchase our redemption including the Holy Spirit's gift (Rom 8:3-4)

- all our spiritual blessings are given **in Christ** (Eph. 1:3)

B. Therefore Paul goes on to remind the 'brethren' of their *debt* (Rom. 8:12ff)

#### **I Need Thee**

I need Thee, precious Jesus, for I am full of sin;  
My soul is dark and guilty, my heart is dead within.  
I need the cleansing fountain, where I can always flee.  
The blood of Christ most precious, the sinner's perfect plea.

I need Thee, precious Jesus, for I am very poor.  
A stranger and a pilgrim, I have no earthly store.  
I need Thee Jesus to guide me on my way  
To guide my doubting footsteps, to be my strength and stay.

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