

The Gospel According to John

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1. Last week, after reviewing the meaning and use of the term “island/islands,” I taught in part Joh 12:44 and 45 by way of the *Doctrines of the Indwelling of Christ* and the *Father*.
2. Before summarizing what I covered last week, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. We will begin new material at point seven on page three.

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Joh 12:44 Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me.

Joh 12:45 When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me.

Doctrine of the Indwelling of Christ

1. At point of faith in Christ, Jesus indwells the believer and as long as the believer is positive toward God’s protocol, Christ remains as an honored guest. Joh 3:15-20
2. Appreciating the maximum benefit from the indwelling of Christ is not permanent since we all go through periods of negative volition toward the Word.
3. When we are negative, Christ is not at home in our hearts. It is then Christ steps outside and knocks with discipline. We never lose the indwelling of Christ but we often lose the appreciation of that indwelling.
 - 3.1 While we are moving to spiritual maturity Christ is still our honored guest. We are urged to examine ourselves to ensure that we are in fact growing spiritually. 2Co 13:5
4. The purpose of the indwelling of Christ is to provide special fellowship with all the benefits of a bride protected and sustained by Jesus, the Groom.
 - 4.1 The Lord of our life though often the recipient of unrequited love is always there knocking; He is never willing to give up. Paul captures that concept in Eph 3:16-21.
5. As Church Age believers the Indwelling of Christ is unique to us. The Incarnate Christ so prophesied in Joh 14:18-20.

5.1 Notice how important this uniqueness of Christ is as part of the mystery doctrines of the Church Age.

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Col 1:27 To them (*Church Age believers*) God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

6. When Christ indwells us, we are dead to the control of the old sin nature and this is all part of the desired maturation process. Rom 12:1-2

7. This concept is amplified in Rom 8:10 where the domination of the old sin nature is said to be abrogated by DIKAIOSUNE - the process of righteousness.

8. Summary:

8.1 Christ, who indwells all believers, will fellowship with us only when we are confessed-up and "hot" for doctrine. Eph 3:14-19

8.2 Jesus does not fellowship with the carnal believer.

8.3 You can't build divine good on anything or anyone except Christ, and if He is not at home in your heart your attempts at producing divine good will prove futile, i.e., when you don't name your sins to God and consistently take in the Word, Christ steps outside and knocks with discipline.

8.3.1 You can't produce divine good unless Christ is at home in your heart. You may produce all manner of human good but when Christ is not appreciated you will never produce divine good.

Doctrine of the Indwelling of the Father

Introduction

1. The Spirit and the Father indwell universally and permanently all Church Age believers. Eph 3:17; 2Co 13:15-19; Rev 3:15-20

2. Jesus Christ indwells believers who are positive to the Word of God.

The Father Also Indwells Us

3. The reality of our being indwelt by the Father is declared in Scripture. Joh 10:30; 14:20; 10:38; 17:11

4. The two-fold result expressed by Christ is expressed in seven of the smallest yet most meaningful words. The seven words are: “You in me and I in You.” Compare Joh 14:20 with Joh 17:11.

5. There are two mighty ministries of the Holy Spirit – that of forming Christ in the believer (I in you) and that of placing the believer in Christ.

6. In addition, there is the obvious fact that it is Christ’s desire that the Father also grant a oneness with Him, He in us and we in Him.

6.1 When this prayer is answered, and who could assume that Christ’s prayer to the Father would not be answered, there will be unique oneness with the Father as well as with one another.

6.2 In the light of the above, the conclusion must be reached that this is achieved through the supernatural power of God, a supernatural union between Christians which is similar to the reality of the union which unites the persons of the Godhead with all believers.

6.3 There is a unique unity between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit together with all believers.

7. The oneness between the Father and the many adopted sons is again reiterated by Jesus in Joh 17:21–24 where Jesus prays for His own.

Joh 17:21 That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, are in me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

Joh 17:22 And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them that they may be one, even as We are One:

Joh 17:23 I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them, as You Have loved Me.

Joh 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory, which You have given me; for You loved Me even before the foundation of the world.”

8. Notice in 1Jo 4:15-16 there is a specific statement that believers are indwelled by the Father.

1Jo 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

1Jo 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has toward us. God is love, and He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him.”

9. Now let's see what we can learn from Joh 12:46-50

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Joh 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Joh 12:47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

Joh 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

Joh 12:50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

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Joh 12:46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

Joh 12:47 "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it.

Joh 12:48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.

Joh 12:49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it.

Joh 12:50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So, whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

10. Let's begin the study of Joh 12:46-50 with a review of the *Doctrine of Light*.

Doctrine of Light

1. The literal phenomena of light is necessary for us to function effectively on planet earth.

2. Let's review how darkness and light are contrasted in our *Doctrine of Creation* and then we will study the *Doctrine of Light*.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:2 Now the earth was (HAYAH) formless (TOHU) and empty (BOHU), **darkness** (CHOSHEK) was over the surface of the deep ...

Gen 1:3 And God said, "Let there be **light** (OR) from no concentrated source," and there was **light** (OR) which uniquely stood alone apart from any light body.

Gen 1:4 God saw that the **light** (OR) was good, and he separated the light (OR) from the darkness (CHOSHEK).

Gen 1:5 God called the **light** (OR) "day," and the **darkness** (CHOSHEK) he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning at the very same time - Day One of the Restoration ...

Gen 1:14 And then God said, "Let there be **light bodies** (MAOR) in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years:

Gen 1:15 and let there be stars in the expanse of the sky to give **light** (MAOR) on the earth." And it was so, for the **light** (OR) earlier created took up residence within the various **light bodies** (MAOR).

Gen 1:16 God made two great **lights** (MAOR) for planet earth--the greater **light** (MAOR) to govern the day we call the sun and the lesser **light** (MAOR) to govern the night we call the moon.

Gen 1:17 And then He set them in the expanse of the sky to give **light** (MAOR) for the earth,

Gen 1:18 the sun to govern the day and the moon to govern the night; the **light bodies** (MAOR) were designed to separate light from **darkness** (CHOSHEK). And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:19 And there was evening, and there was morning at the very same time - Day Four of the Restoration.

2.1 Several related Scriptures with comment:

Isa 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain (TOHU), he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Joh 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

Joh 1:7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

Joh 1:8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

Joh 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

Joh 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Joh 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

2.2 The Scriptures direct our attention toward a tiny little planet called Earth and the many created beings that would ultimately live upon it.

2.3 In this phrase, "In the beginning God created" is included the completed universe as it was known or might come to be known.

2.4 We believe our galaxy contains more than 200 billion stars, and that our sun is 150 trillion miles from the center of our galaxy.

2.5 Our galaxy is one of a small cluster of 29 galaxies, the nearest of which is thirty million light years from us (150 million trillion miles).

2.6 Research scientists, by using powerful telescopes, have discovered more than a billion galaxies, and as better telescopes are constructed the number grows daily.

2.7 It has been estimated that the number of stars in these galaxies number close to 100 quintillion.

2.8 The candle power of one of the galaxies is equal to that of 400 million suns.

2.9 As man looks on this vast creation and compares what he sees with the inspired writer's account of its origin; objective minds cannot help but be filled with awe, reverence, respect, dread and wonder.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Gen 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

3. Light is used in Scripture for that which brings life. Joh 1:4

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

4. There are many uses of light in Scripture: **Phos** is the Greek word for light and it appears some 70 times in the New Testament. Several of those uses are:

4.1 As the essence of God. 1Jo 1:5

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

4.2 For Jesus who came into a world of darkness to save a lost world.

Joh 8:12

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

4.3 The good news of the Word is called light. 2Co 4:4

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

4.4 At point of regeneration the believer is moved from darkness to light.
1Pe 2:9

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

4.5 Light is used to describe doctrine resident in the soul. Eph 5:8;
Psa 119:105

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Psa 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

4.6 Doctrine in the soul of the believer is said to be constructed of the armor of light. Rom 13:12

Rom 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

4.6.1 Light therefore, depicts entrance into spiritual maturity. Eph 5:14

Eph 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

5. Let's see how darkness and light are used together.

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Joh 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Joh 3:20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

Joh 3:21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Joh 12:35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

Joh 12:36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

Joh 12: 37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

Joh 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

6. Before Agrippa Paul uses light to communicate what God called him to do just after his vision and call to apostleship:

Acts 26:15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

Acts 26:16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

Acts 26:17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Acts 26:19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

Acts 26:20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Rom 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Rom 13:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

1Co 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

1Co 4:6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.

1Co 4:7 For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

1Co 4:8 Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you ...

1Co 4:15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

1Co 4:16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

1Co 4:17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Eph 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Eph 5:10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

1Th 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

1Th 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

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