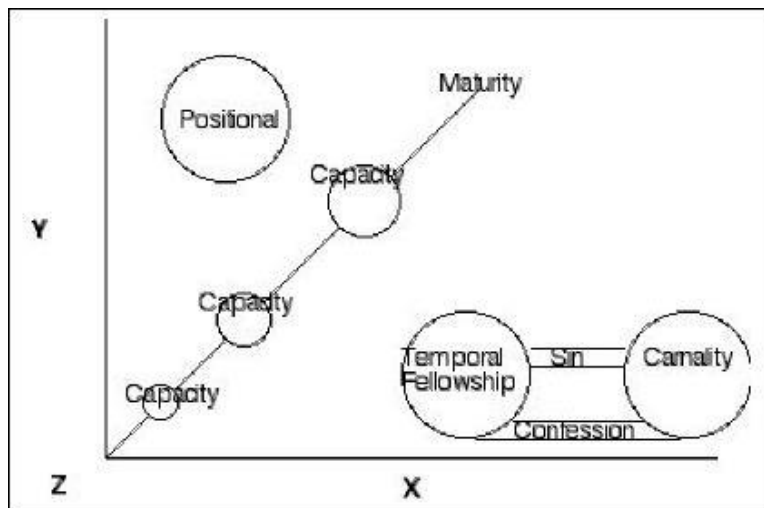


## Doctrine of the Indwelling of the Father

### Concept

1. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit indwell the Church Age believer.
  - 1.1 The Spirit and the Father indwell universally and permanently all Church Age believers.
  - 1.2 Christ indwells Church Age believers so long as they are "hot" for Doctrine.
2. The Holy Spirit indwells every believer at the moment of regeneration.  
Rom 5:5; Gal 4:6; 1Co 2:12; 1Co 6:19; Joh 7:39; 1Co 5:5
3. Jesus Christ indwells believers who are positive to the Word of God.  
Eph 3:17; 2Co 13:15-19; Rev 3:15-20.
4. Appreciating the maximum benefit from the indwelling of Christ is not permanent since we all go through periods of negative volition toward the Word. When we are negative, Christ is not at home in our hearts.
5. 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.
6. While we are moving to spiritual maturity Christ "fully" indwells us.



6.1 We are urged to examine ourselves to ensure that we are in fact growing spiritually.

**Expanded Translation:**

**2Co 13:5 "You must continuously test yourselves to ensure that you are growing spiritually; you must as an on-going process assay your souls to determine the quality of your spiritual life. Christ will not be at home in your soul unless you are growing from EPIGNOSIS doctrine in your right lobe. When you are negative, Christ is not at home in the confines of the real but invisible you.**

7. 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.

8. The reality of our being indwelt by the Father is declared in Scripture.

Joh 10:30 "I and my Father are one.

Joh 10:38 But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."

Joh 14:10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

Joh 14:11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

Joh 14:19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

Joh 14:20 On that day you will realize that **I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.**

8.1 In Joh 17:11 our Lord and Savior prays directly to the Father that we may also be one as Christ and the Father are One."

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own Name and reputation, those whom You have given Me, **that they may be one as We are.**"

9. The two-fold result expressed by Christ is expressed in seven of the smallest yet most meaningful words.

9.1 The seven words are: “You in me and I in You. Compare Joh 14:20 with Joh 17:11

10. 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.

10.1 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.

10.2 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 with one another.

10.3 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.

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

11. The oneness between the Father and the many adopted sons is again reiterated by Jesus in John 17:21–24.

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.”

12. Notice in 1 John 4:15 there is a specific statement that believers are indwelled by the Father.

1Joh 4:15

“Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

12.1 The same concept continues in 1 John 4:16.

1Joh 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.”

13. There is certainly enough evidence in Scripture to indicate that we are permanently indwelt by the Holy Spirit, have a unique oneness by means of the indwelling of the Father and are indwelt by Jesus, the Son so long as and while we are in fellowship and positive toward the Word of God.