

By Spiritualism Or Knowledge.

For those who know not the word of God to test what they hear cannot discern who it is that speaks to them and are forced to use feelings or peer-pressure to determine duty to God and their fellow men. And here is seen the danger of believing that God dwells in us by other than His word or the Holy Spirit. For Satan will impersonate Christ and use religious language that will not bear the test of Sound Doctrine. 1Tim. 1:10; 2Tim 4:3*; Titus 1:9*; 2:1; Matt. 15:9; Isa. 8:20*.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and **they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.** 5:38 And **ye have not his word abiding in you:** for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. . . . 42 But I know you, that **ye have not the love of God in you.** 8:37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, **because my word hath no place in you.** 14:15 **If ye love me,** keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for **he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.** 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. 15:7 If ye abide in me, **and my words abide in you,** ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Note: How will He dwell in you? By Truth. Why didn't David say I have hid Thee in my heart? Thou hast refrained my feet from etc. Ps . 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. . . . 101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

In these first disciples was presented marked diversity. They were to be the world's teachers, and they represented widely varied types of character. In order successfully to carry forward the work to which they had been called, these men, differing in natural characteristics and in habits of life, **needed to come into unity of feeling, thought, and action.** This unity it was Christ's object to secure. **To this end He sought to bring them into unity with Himself.** The burden of His labor for them is expressed in His prayer to His Father, "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us;" "that the world may know that Thou has sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me." John 17:21, 23. His constant prayer for them was that they might be **sanctified through the truth;** and He prayed with assurance, knowing that an Almighty decree had been given before the world was made. He knew that the gospel of the kingdom would be preached to all nations for a witness; **He knew that truth armed with the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit,** would conquer in the battle with evil, and that the bloodstained banner would one day wave

triumphantly over His followers. AA 20.2

Rom. 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that *the Spirit of God dwell in you*. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But *if the Spirit* of him that raised up Jesus from the dead *dwell in you*, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but *be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind*, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1Cor. 1:4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; 5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; 6 Even as *the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you*: 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But *we have the mind of Christ*. 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

2Cor. 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus *Christ is in you*, except ye be reprobates?

Note How? Copied.

Gal. 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again *until Christ be formed in you*,

[RighteousCharacter](#). [EGWRighteousnessByFaith](#). [4Nones](#).

Eph. 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. . . . 23 And *be renewed in the spirit of your mind*; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Phil. 2:5 *Let this mind be in you*, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Col. 1:5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before *in the word of the truth* of the gospel; 6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: . . . 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you, the hope of glory*: 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you* richly

in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Through trial and persecution the glory—the character—of God is revealed in His chosen ones. The believers in Christ, hated and persecuted by the world, are educated and disciplined in the school of Christ. On earth they walk in narrow paths; they are purified in the furnace of affliction. They follow Christ through sore conflicts; they endure self-denial and experience bitter disappointments; but thus they learn the guilt and woe of sin, and they look upon it with abhorrence. Being partakers of Christ's sufferings, they can look beyond the gloom to the glory, saying, "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18. AA 576.4

The glory of God, ***the perfection of Christian character, is to be the aim,*** . . . DG 169.2

What is this glory?—The character of God. This is what he proclaimed to Moses . . . GW92 237.1

1Thess. 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, ***when ye received the word of God*** which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, ***but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.***

2Thess. 1:12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Phi. 1:6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of ***every good thing which is in you*** in Christ Jesus.

Heb. 13:21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

2Peter 1:Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, ***through the knowledge of him*** that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that ***by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,*** having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue ***knowledge;*** 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience ***godliness;*** 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For ***if***

these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. . . . 14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and *the word of God abideth in you*, and ye have overcome the wicked one. . . . 27 But *the anointing which ye have received* of him *abideth in you*, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

“Cumbered with humanity, *Christ could not be in every place personally*; therefore it was altogether for their advantage that He should leave them, go to His father, *and send* the Holy Spirit to be His *successor* on earth. *The Holy Spirit is Himself divested* of the personality of humanity and independent thereof. He would represent Himself as present in all places by His Holy Spirit, as the Omnipresent. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, *He shall* (although unseen by you), [THIS PHRASE WAS ADDED BY ELLEN WHITE.] teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" [John 14:26]. "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will come not unto you; but if I depart, I will *send Him* unto you" [John 16:7].” {14MR 23.3} DA 669.2.

Note the following languages absurdity if He is in us, among us instead of in us.

John 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. 16:16 A little while, and *ye shall not see me*: and again, a little while, and *ye shall see me*, because I go to the Father. Rev. 19:13 . . . his name is called The Word of God. 2Tim. 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for *doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness*: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

John 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless,

but believing.

Note: If *He* is in us did Philip thrust his hand into his own side.