



Fall 2025 Chapel Series

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH US

Discussion Guide

(PT. 7) THE INDWELLING SPIRIT

KEY SCRIPTURES: Romans 8:1-11; 1 Corinthians 3:16-27, 6:14-20; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

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I. WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

II. RECALLING THE MESSAGE

- **Message Summary:** This message affirms the profound reality that the Holy Spirit permanently resides within every Christian. The Indwelling Spirit is our guarantee of resurrection life (Romans 8:1-11) and, crucially, establishes us—both individually and as a community—as the Temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16). Because our bodies are bought with a price and are the Spirit's sanctuary (1 Corinthians 6:14-20), we are called to a life of radical consecration and holiness. The Spirit's dwelling compels us to separate from ungodly influences and to cleanse ourselves "from every defilement of body and spirit" (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1), bringing our holiness to completion.
- The message focused on the Holy Spirit's permanent indwelling. How does knowing the Spirit lives inside you fundamentally change your view of yourself and your body?
- What does it mean practically to live with the consciousness that you, or your church community, are the Temple of God?

III. DIVING DEEPER INTO SCRIPTURE

- **The Guarantee of Life (Romans 8:1–11)**
 - Paul states that if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, "he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you" (v. 11). How does the indwelling Spirit provide assurance about future resurrection and present vitality?
 - How does the indwelling Spirit serve as the ultimate power for "putting to death the deeds of the body" (v. 13)? What does this look like in daily spiritual conflict?

- **The Sanctuary and Its Stewardship (1 Corinthians 3:16 & 6:19–20)**
 - Paul asks, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (3:16). What responsibilities come with being holy ground?
 - In 1 Corinthians 6:19–20, Paul connects the indwelling Spirit to our bodies, saying we were "bought with a price." What specific areas of life—like sexuality, eating habits, or leisure—should be governed by the reality that our bodies belong to God?
 - The Spirit indwells both the individual believer and the corporate church (3:16–17). How should this shared indwelling impact how we treat fellow believers?
- **The Call to Consecration (2 Corinthians 6:14–7:1)**
 - This passage urges us not to be "unequally yoked with unbelievers." Since the Spirit dwells in us, what is the importance of separation from ungodly influences in our friendships, entertainment, and professional lives?
 - Verses 16–17 use imagery from the Old Testament about God dwelling in His people. How does the holiness of the indwelling Spirit compel us to "cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God" (7:1)?

IV. PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

- The Holy Spirit's indwelling is a call to holiness. Identify one "defilement of body" and one "defilement of spirit" that you need to surrender to the Spirit's cleansing power this week.
- How can you actively cultivate an awareness of the Spirit's presence throughout your day, especially in moments of temptation or stress?
- Given the emphasis on the corporate temple, what is one tangible way your small group or Sunday school class can better reflect the holiness and unity that the indwelling Spirit demands?

V. GROUP PRAYER

- Pray together, thanking God for the gift of the Indwelling Spirit. Ask for the wisdom and power to treat our bodies and our community as the sacred temple of God, living in radical consecration.
- Concluding remarks and encouragement.