"THE INDWELLING"

Eph. 3:16-21

(Into His Likeness series, #2)

What does it mean that "Christ dwells in your hearts"?

How can Christ be in us and also at the Right Hand of God in Heaven?

Is Jesus really <u>in</u> the believer?

I) MAN WAS CREATED FOR INDWELLING, GEN.2:7.

A) Breath of Life. *NISHMA* (HEB), 'breath, breath of God, breath of man, spirit of man'. Job 32:8; 33:4; 34:14-15; Proverbs 20:27; Isaiah 42:5; Psalms 8:3-9; 139:13-16. "Man is the 'Divine Interface' between earth and heaven." – Braaten. Psalms 82:6,7; John 10:34-36.

B) Adam was created with the ability to have dominion. Gen.1:28; 2:19,20; 9:2; Psalm 8:6-9.

C) Adam was created to be in union/communion with God, Gen.3:8.

D) Sin & Separation from God, Gen.3:6-10; Isaiah 43:27; Psalm 44:15; Isaiah 59:2; 64:7; Psalm 58:3. <u>Adam was fully what God created him to be ONLY when in communion with God!</u>

E) Now fallen man is under the dominion of:

1. Satan, Eph.2:1-3; Acts 26:18; 2 Cor.4:4; Col.1:13.

2. Sin, John 8:34; Prov.5:22; Rom.7:22; 2 Pet.2:19.

3. Death, Gen. 2:17; 3:3, 19; Ps. 82:6,7; Ps. 49:12; Rom. 5:12-17; Rom.6:23: Ezekiel 18:4,20.

4. Evil can into the world through the fall of Lucifer. Sin and death came into the world through the fall of Adam. BUT ANOTHER 'ADAM' HAS COME! 1 Cor.15:22; Heb. 2:7-10.

II) CHRISTS DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS, Eph. 3:17. *KATOIKEO*, from *OIKEO* (GK), 'to dwell, settle, inhabit. Or to make one's home, to be at home'. Eph. 3:17; Col. 1:19; 2:9; James 4:5. See also OIKEO, (GK) used in Rom. 8:9,11; 1 Cor.3:16; Rom.7:17-20.

A) We must receive Jesus by faith and repentance, John 1:11-13; Rev. 3:20. "A fact through faith" – Gal.2:20; 1 John 4:4; Col.1:26-29; 1 John 5:1; John 20:31; *John 17:20-23.

B) How is Christ in the believer? BY THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, Eph.3:16. Read John 14:16-18. "Another Comforter", John 14:16-18,26; 15:26; 16:7. *ALLON*, (GK), 'another of the same kind'. Not *HETERON*, (GK), 'another of a different kind'. *PARACLETOS* (GK), 'to call alongside'. Translated 'helper', or

'comforter'. "I will come to you…", John 14:17. Jesus dwells in the believer's heart by the indwelling Holy Spirit, Rom.8:9-11; 1 John 3:24; 1 John 4:13; Ezekiel 36:25-27; 11:19,20; John 14:17; 1 Cor. 6:17-19; 2 Tim.1:14; Gal. 3:2; 1 Cor. 15:45; *John 20:22 & Gen. 2:7.

III) CHRIST FORMED IN YOU, EPH.3:16-19; GAL. 4:19. *MORPHAO*, (GK), 'to fashion or form'. God forms us into the likeness of Christ by growth from the inside out rather that molding us from the outside. We are conformed to the image of Jesus from the inside out!

A) The 'Inner Man", Eph.3:16. *ESOTHEN*, (GK), 'inward, within'. Matt. 7:15; 23:25,27,28; Luke 11:39, 40; Mark 7:21-23; Rom.7:22. Renewed, 2 Cor. 4:16-18.

B) Believers are joined to the Lord and are one's(S)pirit with Him, 1 Cor. 6:17. See also 1 Cor. 2:11; 1 Thes. 5:23; Ecc. 12;7; Rom. 8:15,16.

C) We need to keep our spirit clean! 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Pet.2:11; Phil. 4:23; 2 Tim. 2:21; 1 John 3:3; Ezekiel 36:25,26; Psalm 51:6,7,10. YOUR SPIRIT/HEAT IS THE HOME OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

D) Two ways Christ is formed in the believer:

1. Character, Eph.3:19. Character is what we are, conduct is what we do.
2. Christ is formed in us as we grow in supernatural love, Eph.3:16-19; Rom.5:5; Eph. 5:2; Col.3:14; 1 John 4:7,8,16; 1John 3:14; Matt. 5:43-48.

CLOSING: IS CHRIST IN YOU? 2 Cor. 13:5.