

100 BIBLE LESSONS

Give these lessons to people you visit, youth groups, hospital patients, church visitors and new members. Use them in Sunday School, bus ministry, jail services, nursing homes, Christian schools, small discussion groups and many other places. God's Word will answer your questions and help solve your problems.

LESSON 28 – THE INDWELLING OF CHRIST

One of the greatest differences between the saints in the Old Testament and those in the New Testament is the indwelling presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. Victorious New Testament believers are not living for the Lord, but it is actually the risen Christ living through them. Paul described this beautifully in Galatians 2:20 when he said, *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."*

There are over a hundred scriptural references to the indwelling presence of the Lord in the life of the believer. The following is a list of just a few of these:

*"And I will put my **spirit within you**" (Ezekiel 36:27). "Even the Spirit of truth...he dwelleth with you, and **shall be in you**" (John 14:17,). "And ye in me, and **I in you**" (John 14:20). "**I in them**" (John 17:23). "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" (Romans 8:9). "And if **Christ be in you**" (Romans 8:10). "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that **the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**" (1 Corinthians 3:16). "But he that is joined unto the Lord is **one spirit**" (1 Corinthians 6:17,). "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?" (1 Corinthians 6:19). "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ liveth in me**" (Galatians 2:20). "That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith**" (Ephesians 3:17). "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**" (Colossians 1:27). "That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the **Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us**" (2 Timothy 1:14). "But the anointing which ye have received of him **abideth in you**" (1 John 2:27). "And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and **he in him**. And hereby we know that he **abideth in us**, by the Spirit which he hath given us" (1 John 3:24). "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, **I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me**" (Revelation 3:20).*

The New International Version translates **2 Corinthians 5:17** as "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" The new creation that Paul was speaking about is the **indwelling of Christ** described in Scripture in the following ways: the new birth (John 1:13 and 3:3), the new creation (Galatians 6:15), His workmanship created in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:10), newness of life (Romans 6:4), a spiritual quickening (Ephesians 2:1 and 5), a spiritual resurrection (Colossians 2:12 and

3:1), a new heart and spirit (Ezekiel 36:26 and Romans 7:6), the putting on of the new man (Ephesians 4:24), the inward man (Romans 7:22), the circumcised heart (Romans 2:29), the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4), regeneration (Titus 3:5), etc.

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1. What is true about every person in Christ? (2 Cor. 5:17)
2. How does Christ live out His life through Christians? (Gal. 2:20)
3. How can a person know if he or she is controlled by the sinful nature or by the Spirit? (Rom. 8:9)
4. What kind of obligation do Christians have? (Rom. 8:12-14)
5. What happens to the person who lives according to the sinful nature? (Rom. 8:13)
6. What is true of people who are led by God's Spirit? (Rom. 8:14)
7. What kind of spirit do God's children have? (Rom. 8:15)
8. How would Christ dwell in the believers' hearts? (Eph. 3:17)
9. To whom had God chosen to make know this mystery? (Col. 1:27)
10. What invitation was given to individuals in Revelation 3:20?