



Major Bible Themes

52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE
SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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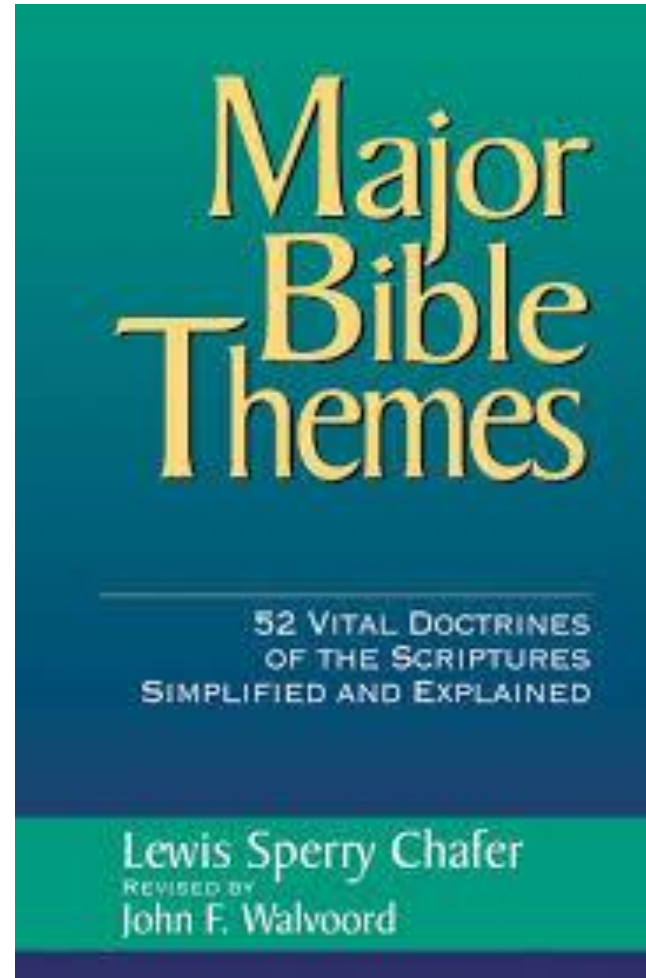
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Chapter Seventeen : God the Holy Spirit: His Indwelling and Sealing

Step # One Chapter Seventeen : God the Holy Spirit: His Indwelling and Sealing

Find the Outline



MBT Chapter Seventeen : God the Holy Spirit: His Indwelling and Sealing

- A. A new feature in the present age
- B. The Universal Indwelling of the Holy Spirit in Believers
- C. Problems in the Doctrine of Indwelling
- D. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Contrasted with other Ministries
- E. The Sealing of the Spirit

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Understand It



A. A new feature in the present age

Although the Spirit of God was with men in the Old Testament, the source of their new life, and the means of spiritual victory, there is no evidence that all believers in the Old Testament were indwelt by Him. This is made plain by the silence of the Old Testament on this doctrine and by the express teaching of Jesus Christ, contrasting the Old Testament situation with the present age in the words, "he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:17). The indwelling of the Spirit in every believer is a distinctive feature of the present age which will be repeated in the millennial kingdom but is found in no other period.

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Understand It B. The Universal Indwelling of the Holy Spirit in Believers



Although Christians may vary greatly in spiritual power and in manifesting the fruit of the Spirit, Scripture teaches plainly that every Christian is indwelt by the Spirit of God since the day of Pentecost. Temporary delays in indwelling seen in a few instances in Acts were unusual instances, not normative, and due to the transitional character of the Book of Acts.

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C. Problems in the Doctrine of Indwelling

The fact that every believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit has sometimes been challenged on the basis of problem passages. On the basis of three passages in the Old Testament and the gospels, some have believed that one who possesses the Spirit can lose the Spirit of God. David's prayer that the Spirit of God would not be taken away from him as He was from Saul is based on the Old Testament order. Then it was not normal for everyone to be indwelt and, accordingly, that which was sovereignly given could be sovereignly taken away.

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C. Problems in the Doctrine of Indwelling (cont)

Three passages in Acts also seem to imply a problem in the universal indwelling of the Spirit. In Acts 5.:32 the Holy Spirit is described as One "whom God hath given to them that obey him." The obedience here, however, is obedience to the gospel, as Scripture clearly indicates that some who are partially dis obedient still possess the Spirit.

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C. Problems in the Doctrine of Indwelling (cont)

The delay in administering the Spirit on the part of those who heard the gospel through Philip in Samaria was occasioned by the necessity of connecting this new work of the Spirit with that of the apostles in Jerusalem.

Accordingly, the giving of the Spirit was delayed until they laid hands on them (Acts 8:17), but this was not the normal situation, as illustrated in the conversion of Cornelius, who received the Spirit without any such laying on of hands.

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C. Problems in the Doctrine of Indwelling (cont)



The situation in Acts 19:1-6 seems to refer to those who had believed in John the Baptist but had never believed in Christ. They received the Spirit when Paul laid his hands on them, but this again is an abnormal rather than a normal situation and is never repeated.

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D. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Contrasted with other Ministries

Because a number of works of the Spirit occur simultaneously at the time of the new birth of the believer, careful distinction should be made between these different undertakings of the Spirit. The indwelling of the Spirit is, accordingly, not the same as the regeneration of the Spirit, although they occur at the same time. Likewise, regeneration and indwelling of the Holy Spirit are not the same as the baptism of the Spirit to be discussed next.

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D. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Contrasted with other Ministries (cont)

The indwelling of the Spirit is not the same as the filling of the Spirit, as all Christians are indwelt but not all Christians are filled with the Spirit. Also, indwelling occurs once and for all, while the filling of the Spirit can occur many times in a Christian's experience. The indwelling of the Spirit is the same, however, as the anointing of the Spirit and the sealing of the Spirit.

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Understand It E. The Sealing of the Spirit



The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is represented as God's seal in three passages in the New Testament (2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13; 4:30). In every important respect, the sealing of the Spirit is entirely a work of God. Christians are never exhorted to seek the sealing of the Spirit, as every Christian has already been sealed. The sealing of the Holy Spirit, therefore, is just as universal as the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and occurs at the time of salvation.

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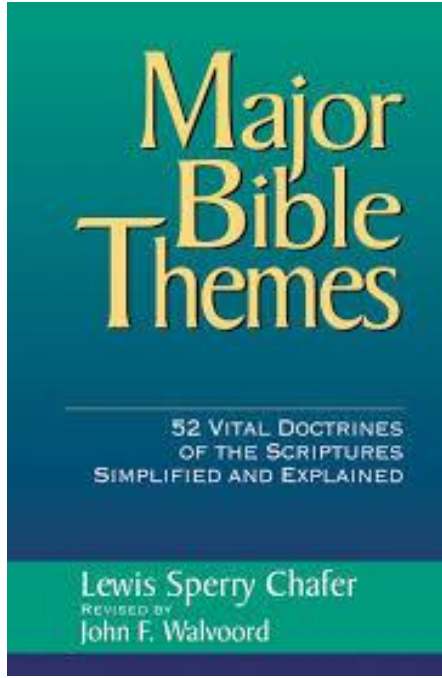
Understand It



Like the indwelling of the Spirit, the sealing of the Spirit is not an experience but a fact to be accepted by faith. The sealing of the Spirit is a tremendously significant part of the Christian's salvation and indicates his security

In addition, it is the symbol of the finished transaction. The Christian is sealed until the day of the redemption of his body and his presentation in glory. Taken as a whole, the doctrine of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit as our seal brings great assurance and comfort to the heart of every believer who understands this great truth.

The next principle is to build a physical file cabinet



Mike Borland

What does the Bible teach about the Holy Spirit's Indwelling and Sealing?

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Using Major Bible Themes
write a study explaining the
Indwelling and Sealing of
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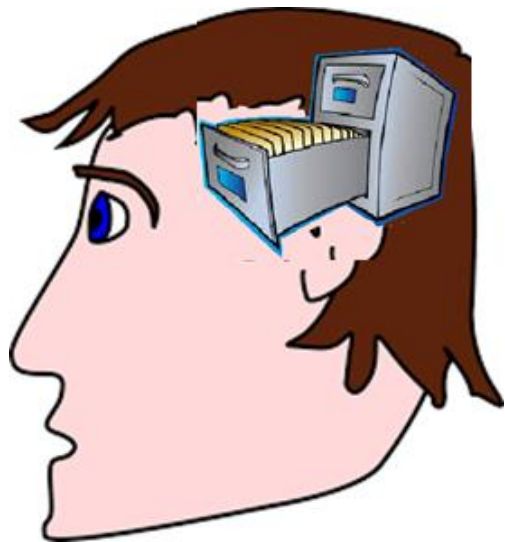
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Memorize it

God the Holy Spirit: His Indwelling and Sealing



- A. A new feature in the present age
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God the Holy Spirit: His Regeneration

A. A new feature in the present age

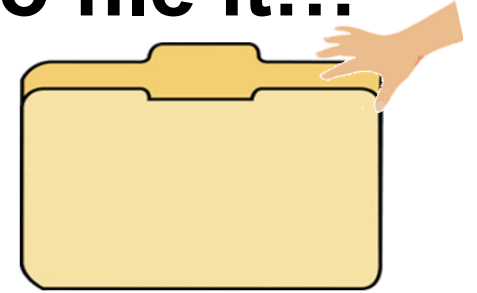
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To file it...



Write it Down



Underline Main Words...



Step # Two

Read the Section and look up the passages



Step # Three

Memorize one Passage per section

Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning



Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Write the verse on paper or put the verse into you phone



A. A new feature in the present age

1. Contrasting with the Old Testament

"he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:17).

2. Temporary delays in indwelling seen in a few instances

Act 8:15-17 *Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then **laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.***

Act 19:4-6 *Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had **laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.***

B. The Universal Indwelling of the Holy Spirit in Believers (cont)

3. The fact of indwelling

Joh 7:39 *(But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

Act 11:15-16 *And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be **baptized with the Holy Ghost.***

Rom 5:5 *And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by **the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.***

3. The fact of indwelling

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.***

1Co 2:12 *Now we have **received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God;** that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

1Co 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?*

1Co 12:13 *For by **one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,** whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

3. The fact of indwelling

2Co 5:5 *Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the **earnest of the Spirit.***

Gal 3:2 *This only would I learn of you, **Received ye the Spirit** by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?*

Gal 4:6 *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth **the Spirit of his Son into your hearts**, crying, Abba, Father.*

1Jn 3:24 *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.***

1Jn 4:13 *Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath **given us of his Spirit.***

B. The Universal Indwelling of the Holy Spirit in Believers (Cont)

3. The Holy Spirit is also repeatedly declared to be a gift of God

Act 11:16-17 *Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Forasmuch then as **God gave them the like gift** as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?*

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2Co 5:5 *Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also **hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.***

B. The Universal Indwelling of the Holy Spirit in Believers (Cont)

4. Just as priests and kings were anointed and set apart to their sacred tasks, so the Christian is anointed

2Co 1:21-22 *Now he which established us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*

1Jn 2:20 *But ye have an anointing from the Holy One, and ye know all things.*

C. Problems in the Doctrine of Indwelling

On the basis of some Bible passages some have misinterpreted the ministry of the Spirit.

1. Belief that you can lose the Spirit

1Sa 16:14 *But the **Spirit of the LORD** departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.*

Psa 51:11 *Cast me not away from thy presence; and **take not thy holy spirit from me.***

2. Belief that you can ask for the Spirit

Luk 11:13 *If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit **to them that ask him?***

C. Problems in the Doctrine of Indwelling

3. Belief that the Holy Spirit will come through obedience

Act 5:32 *And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them **that obey him.***

4.. Belief that the Holy Spirit is given as a second work of grace

Act 8:15-17 *Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then **laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.***

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D. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Contrasted with other Ministries Sanctification

1. Anything touched with the anointing oil was thereby sanctified .

Exo 40:9 *And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and **anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein**, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy.*

2. In like manner, the Spirit now sanctifies

Rom 15:16 *That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being **sanctified by the Holy Ghost**.*

1Pe 1:2 *Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through **sanctification of the Spirit**, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

D. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Contrasted with other Ministries (cont)

1. The prophet was sanctified with oil (1 Kings 9:16),

1Ki 19:19 *So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and **cast his mantle upon him. (The mantle symbolized anointing)***

2. Christ was a prophet by the Spirit

Luk 4:18 *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath **anointed me to preach** the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

3. The believer is a witness by the Spirit

Act 1:8 *But ye shall **receive power, after that the Holy Ghost** is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

D. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Contrasted with other Ministries

1. The priest was sanctified with oil

Exo 40:14-15 *And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats: And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.*

2. Christ in His sacrifice by the Spirit

Heb 9:14 *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

3. The believer by the Spirit

Eph 5:18-20 *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;*

D. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Contrasted with other Ministries

1. The king was sanctified with oil

1Sa 16:13 *Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and **anointed him** in the midst of his brethren: and the **Spirit of the LORD** came upon David from that day forward.*

2. Christ by the Spirit

Psa 45:6-7 *Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the scepter of thy kingdom is a right scepter. Thou lovest righteousness, and hate wickedness: therefore God, thy **God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.***

D. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Contrasted with other Ministries

1. The anointing oil was for healing

Luk 10:34 *And went to him, and bound up his **wounds, pouring in oil** and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.*

2. Prayer by the elders is an anointing for healing

Jas 5:14-15 *Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them **pray over him, anointing him with oil** in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*

D. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Contrasted with other Ministries

1. The oil made the face to shine, which was as the oil of gladness

Psa 45:7 ...thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows

2. Fresh oil was required

Psa 92:10 *But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.*

3. The fruit of the Spirit is joy

Gal 5:22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*

D. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Contrasted with other Ministries

In the fittings for the tabernacle, oil for the lamps to light the tabernacle is specified

Exo 25:6 *Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense,*

Application

The oil suggests the Spirit, the wick the believer as a channel, and the light the outshining of Christ. The wick must rest in the oil; so the believer must walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16). The wick must be free from obstruction; so the believer must not resist the Spirit (1 Thess. 5:19). The wick must be trimmed; so the believer must be cleansed by the confession of sin (1 John 1:9).

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Application

The holy anointing oil (Exod. 30:22-25) was composed of four spices added to oil as a base. These spices represent peculiar virtues found in Christ. This compound thus symbolizes the Spirit taking up the very life and character of Christ and applying it to the believer. This oil could in no case be applied to human flesh (John 3:6; Gal. 5:17).

It could not be imitated, which indicates that God cannot accept anything but the manifestation of the life which is Christ (Phil. 1:21). Every article of furnishing in the tabernacle must be anointed and thus set apart unto God, which suggests that the believer's dedication is to be complete (Rom. 12:1, 2).

E. The Sealing of the Spirit

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is represented as God's seal in three passages in the New Testament (2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13; 4:30).

2Co 1:22 *Who hath also **sealed us**, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*

Eph 1:13 *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed with that holy Spirit** of promise,*

Eph 4:30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are **sealed** unto the day of redemption.*

Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

Chapter 17:

God the Holy Spirit: His Indwelling and Sealing

1. What evidence supports the conclusion that the indwelling of the Spirit in every believer is a distinctive feature of the present age?

Christ's words contrast the Old Testament situation with the present age in the words, "he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:17). The indwelling of the Spirit in every believer is a distinctive feature of the present age which will be repeated in the millennial kingdom but is found in no other period.

2. What important passages in the New Testament unquestionably teach the universal indwelling of the Holy Spirit in believers?

(John 7:37-39; Acts 11:17; Rom. 5:5; 8:9, 11; 1 Cor. 2:12; 6:19-20; 12:13; 2 Cor. 5:5; Gal.3:2; 4:6; 1 John 3:24; 4:13). These passages make plain that prior to the day of Pentecost the Old Testament order - in which only some were indwelt - was in effect, but after Pentecost the normal work of the Spirit has been to indwell every Christian.

3. Why is indwelling of the Holy Spirit necessary to the Christian's high standard of spiritual life?

Man is incapable apart from the power of the Holy Spirit

4. How may the anointing of the Spirit be defined?

The indwelling of the Spirit is the same as the anointing of the Spirit and the sealing of the Spirit. The fact of the Spirit's indwelling or anointing is a characterizing feature of this age. By the indwelling of the Spirit, the individual is sanctified or set apart for and empowered by God. The seven symbols of the Oil in the OT illustrate that we are set apart and empowered to be prophets, priests, kings, illuminated and with the very life of Christ in us.

5. What problems in the doctrine of indwelling are raised by such passages as I Samuel 16:14; Psalm 51:11; Luke 11:13

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In Acts 5:32 the Holy Spirit is described as One "whom God hath given to them that obey him." The obedience here, however, is obedience to the gospel, as Scripture clearly indicates that some who are partially disobedient still possess the Spirit.

7. Why was the giving of the Holy Spirit delayed according to Acts 8:17?

The delay in administering the Spirit on the part of those who heard the gospel through Philip in Samaria was occasioned by the necessity of connecting this new work of the Spirit with that of the apostles in Jerusalem. Accordingly, the giving of the Spirit was delayed until they laid hands on them (Acts 8:17), but this was not the normal situation, as illustrated in the conversion of Cornelius, who received the Spirit without any such laying on of hands.

8. How can the problem of Acts 19:1-6 be explained in relation to the universal indwelling of the Spirit?

The situation in Acts 19:1-6 seems to refer to those who had believed in John the Baptist but had never believed in Christ. They received the Spirit when Paul laid his hands on them, but this again is an abnormal rather than a normal situation and is never repeated.

9. How can the indwelling of the Spirit be contrasted with regeneration?

Indwelling is the Holy Spirit coming to live in us. Regeneration is the creation of the new birth by the Holy Spirit

10. How can the indwelling of the Holy Spirit be contrasted with the baptism of the Spirit?

Indwelling is the Holy Spirit coming to live in us. The baptism of the Spirit is Him placing us in the Body of Christ and in Christ's co-death, co-burial, and co-resurrection.

11. How can the indwelling of the Holy Spirit be contrasted with the filling of the Holy Spirit?

Indwelling is the Holy Spirit coming to live in us and is a one time event. The filling of the Spirit is the believer's life being controlled by the Spirit and can come and go.

12. How does the anointing oil used in the Old Testament typify the work of the Holy Spirit?

In the Old Testament the anointing oil typifies the present anointing by the Spirit, oil being one of the seven symbols of the Spirit. The seven symbols of the Oil in the OT illustrate that we are set apart and empowered to be prophets, priests, kings, illuminated and with the very life of Christ in us.

13. What is the significance of the four spices added to the holy anointing oil in the Old Testament?

The holy anointing oil (Exod. 30:22-25) was composed of four spices added to oil as a base. These spices represent peculiar virtues found in Christ. This compound thus symbolizes the Spirit taking up the very life and character of Christ and applying it to the believer

14. What is the relationship between the indwelling and the sealing of the Spirit?

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the same as the sealing and is represented as God's seal in three passages in the New Testament (2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13; 4:30). It is the earnest of our inheritance and we are sealed unto the day of our body's redemption.

15. Explain the true meaning of Ephesians 1: 13.

Eph 1:13 *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also **after that** ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

Literally translated, the passage should read, "**Having believed, ye were sealed with the holy Spirit of promise.**" In other words, the believing and the receiving occurred at the same time. It is, therefore, neither a subsequent work of grace nor a reward for spirituality.

16. How does the sealing of the Spirit relate to the spiritual experience?

Like the indwelling of the Spirit, the sealing of the Spirit is not an experience but a fact to be accepted by faith.

17. How does the sealing of the Spirit relate to eternal security?

The sealing of the Spirit is a tremendously significant part of the Christian's salvation and indicates his security, his safety, and his ownership by God. In addition, it is the symbol of the finished transaction. The Christian is sealed until the day of the redemption of his body and his presentation in glory.