

As we say good bye to another Halloween and the 'season' of dark spirits, we look forward to Thanksgiving and God's gift of Jesus. Another free gift to us all is the gift of the Holy Spirit, who indwells in us as we accept the gift of Jesus. This is an instantaneously redeemable gift, the moment you accept Christ!

Getting to Know You

- Name a time when you asked for something for Christmas and **didn't** get it? Now name a time when you asked for something for Christmas and **did** get it? How were your feelings different in each case? Which feeling did you like better?

- Can you speak more than one language? How long did it take you to master it?

Into the Bible

- What do you think it means to have Jesus Christ indwell you? How would you explain this to others?

- Why did God choose Pentecost (a Jewish festival called the "feast of weeks"– read Leviticus 23:15,16) as the time to reveal his Holy Spirit among the disciples?

"You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths. You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to the Lord."
Leviticus 23:15-16

Read Acts 2:5-12.

" Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. They were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God.' And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Acts 2:4-12

“God in Us”

Why did Jesus have to ascend to heaven before we could receive the Holy Spirit?

- In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit of God lived in the tabernacle in the wilderness and in a temple in Jerusalem. Why does Paul call our bodies “temples” of that same Holy Spirit? How is that possible?

Taking It Home

- If the Salvation is available to everyone, how are you sharing with others this free gift?
- The Holy Spirit "transforms" you from what you were to what you are becoming. What differences do you see in yourself? Tell someone about it.

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?” [1 Corinthians 6:19]

- I. **The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit: Theological Teaching**
 - Every Believer in Jesus Christ is given the H_____ S_____ by God.
 - The Holy Spirit takes up R_____ inside every believer.
 - The body of every believer in Jesus Christ is a T_____ of the Holy Spirit.

- II. **The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit: Historical Timeline**
 1. The P_____ of the Holy Spirit. [John 14:16-17; Acts 1:8]
 2. The C_____ of the Holy Spirit. [Acts 2:4, 38; 8:14-16; 10:44-47]

“You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.” [Romans 8:9]

E_____ believer and O_____ believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit at the moment of S_____.

- III. **The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit: Practical Application**
 1. The indwelling Holy Spirit empowers us to W_____.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” [Acts 1:8]

 2. The indwelling Holy Spirit calls us to H_____ L_____.

“Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.” [1 Corinthians 6:18-20]

3. The indwelling Holy Spirit T_____ us so we look like Christ.
- “And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” [2 Corinthians 3:18]*