Enveloped By The Spirit (Romans 8:9)

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INTRODUCTION

- Is the Holy Spirit literally inside a believer's body?
- This is not literally the Holy Spirit inside our bodies, but things that are associated with the Holy Spirit's work.
- We must measure it by the most complete understanding that is possible of the entire Word of God.

1 Be Enveloped by the Spirit

Romans 8:9–11; Ephesians 3:17; Colossians 1:27

- If you have been baptized into Christ in the past and are now living faithfully before God, this is true. God indwells you. And then this. You indwell him.
- You cannot have the Holy Spirit literally inside your body, but not Jesus.
- It already says in Ephesians 3, verse 17, that Christ dwells in our hearts by faith.
- The Holy Spirit dwells in you in exactly the same way. And you dwell in God in exactly the same way. By faith. Faith that comes by hearing by the word of Christ.
- The Spirit's work is to nurture in us the mind of Christ.
- Christ in you is the hope of glory. That's the Holy Spirit's work.

2 Indwelling Speaks to Relationship

John 14:23; Colossians 3:16; Romans 8:13

- Indwelling speaks to relationship. God's will dictates my behavior and the course of my life.
- If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. And my Father will love him. And we will come to him and make our abode with him.
- It's not just the Holy Spirit, it's Jesus. It's the Father.
- Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you.
- What it means is we adopt his purposes, his concerns, and his goals. What he loves, I learned to love. And what he hates, I learned to hate.
- That doesn't mean that the Holy Spirit is doing all the work in our fight against sin.

THE CHALLENGE

You keep pressing, God finishes it. And you can have every confidence in that. You stop pressing. Do not fall back to destruction. Let God have his way with you. Let the Holy Spirit have his way with you. Grow in the likeness of Christ.

MY NOTES