

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## The Indwelling Of The Holy Spirit

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When someone asks if the Holy Spirit affects the Christian through God's word, I answer "yes." When someone asks if the Holy Spirit literally dwells in me, I also respond with "yes." To me, it has never been an either/or issue, but rather a both/and issue.

The indwelling of the Spirit was taught plainly at Pentecost. Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Those who "gladly received his word were baptized" (2:41). Later he preached, "And we are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has

given to those who obey Him" (Acts 5:32). It is clear that the gift of the Spirit was the Spirit Himself. So, we can conclude: only those who received the word were baptized, and only those who were baptized received the Holy Spirit. Receiving the word and receiving the Spirit are two different things.

Once someone has received the Spirit through baptism, he is to live in a way that honors the Spirit who dwells in him. Paul told the Corinthians that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 6:19), and to the Romans he wrote that "if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are

putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live" (Rom. 8:13). The Holy Spirit strengthens the inner man (Eph. 3:16), intercedes in our prayer lives (Rom. 8:26), and gives hope to the Christian (Rom. 15:13).

No one disputes that Jesus dwells in the Christian (Rom. 8:10; Gal. 2:20). No one questions that God lives in the church (I Cor. 3:16). Therefore, it shouldn't seem strange, suspicious, or grounds for disfellowship if one believes—through Scripture—that the Holy Spirit also dwells in the Christian.

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- We will resume our study of the life of Christ this Wednesday night.
  - Sign up on the back wall today if you plan on attending the Christmas party at Riverview restaurant in Ashland City on December 12 at 3:30.
  - Tell Doug by December 6 if you would like a fruit basket for someone who needs it.
  - Remember in your prayers: JW Head, Mildred Walker, Addie Farmer, and Randy Baker.
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## Building Fund Contribution Today Tonight We Continue A Study Of The Ten Commandments

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: Baker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: JL Shelton

Serve: Billingsley, Demonbreum, E. Simpkins

Pray: Cartwright

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Sunday School: 9:30  
A.M. Worship: 10:30  
P.M. Worship: 6:00  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm  
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Isaiah 25:1  
"O Lord, You are my God; I  
will exalt You, I will give  
thanks to Your name; for  
You have worked wonders,  
plans formed long ago, with  
perfect faithfulness."

*"Do not pray for an easy life, pray for the  
strength to endure a difficult one."*

*Bruce Lee*

*"Any concern too small to be turned into a  
prayer is too small to be turned into a burden."*

*Corrie Ten Boom*

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## The Purpose Of Preaching

It has been said that Millennials—those who have been born since 1990—won't listen to preaching, particularly preaching that focuses on controversial subjects like homosexuality or abortion. But are they that much different than previous generations? Don't all young people have a tendency to rebel against the established beliefs of their parents? Aren't all young people tempted to fit in with the crowd, caring more about cultural trends than biblical doctrines? I think so.

But let's be honest: Preaching, when done the way God intended, can—and should—challenge everyone to move away from fleshly instincts, regardless of age. Paul taught his

protégé Timothy to "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction" (II Tim. 4:2). Nobody likes to be rebuked, but there are times when preachers must correct immoral behavior in the church. And there are times when the topic of the sermon is, well, boring...but it still must be taught.

Paul knew that many listeners would reject that type of preaching. He knew that people would rather have their lives validated by preachers. They would like to hear preachers who gloss over sinful activity and confirm whatever the hearers are doing. So he went on to tell Timo-

thy that "the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths" (II Tim. 4:3).

The problem in the church today is not Millennials; we should encourage honest questions from young people and answer each question with love and truth. If there is any problem in the church, it can always be traced either to someone's unwillingness to teach God's word the way it is written or to someone's unwillingness to conform to that word.

James Hayes

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