

Robin Nash  
Th 231 The Holy Spirit in the New Testament  
Indwell

I must start my paper with I certainly believe in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, I love being able to use my life as a testimony in everything that I do or say. I remember when I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit for myself, not going by what someone had told me, but my own personal experience. This was the best feeling of my life.

I was raised in the church by my aunt, then I came to Atlanta to live with my mother and that is when I began to become disobedient. My mother (God rest her soul) was also reared in the church and strayed away. So, when I came to live with her and my siblings, she had to work. This was the first time in my life that I really did not have supervision and boys became real to me. So I thought that I was a pretty girl, smart too and all the boys were hollering at me, I thought that I had it going on. As time grew I found out that I was wrong and started making mistakes in my life and school. My mother beat the breaks off me. I had cut my hair and was skipping school.

I started walking to find me a church to attend and later my mother followed me, and she actually joined the church, but it was not until I was around 33 years old that I received the Holy Spirit in Mt. Zion 2nd Baptist Church, and when the spirit came over me, it was like a mighty rushing wind and something took over my body and when I came to, church was over and thank God I knew that I had really been born again and unto this day, I get warmth all over my body when I think about me being indwelled with the Holy Spirit.

One of the ministries of the Holy Spirit is His indwelling. The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit indwells all who believe in Christ. The gospel of John records Jesus saying: "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him

Robin Nash  
Th 231 The Holy Spirit in the New Testament  
Indwell

would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (John 7:37-39)”.

The Apostle John wrote: “No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world (1 John 4:12-14)”.

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit occurs the moment a person receives Christ as Savior. The Spirit then begins His work in the life of the believer. What does this mean to the individual? The indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit allows Christ to dwell in our hearts forever. God can now work in a believers life, helping that person conform to the character of Christ. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren (Romans 8:29). The indwelling work of the Spirit also gives the believer the security of knowing they are a child of God: “In whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13).

I can relate to this passage so well, because it is and was truly a situation in my life, no I am not saying that I am perfect, and I still may mistake, but I know how to ask God for forgiveness and try not to make the same mistakes again.

Robin Nash  
Th 231 The Holy Spirit in the New Testament  
Indwell

## Bibliography

Laurie, Greg. *How to Find God, New Believer's Bible*. Carol Stream, Illinois: Tyndale House Publisher, Inc., 1996, 2006.

*New International Standard Bible*. New York Bible Society, 1967.

Whitney, Donald S. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*. Colorado Springs, CO: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1991, 2014.