

Abiding in Christ

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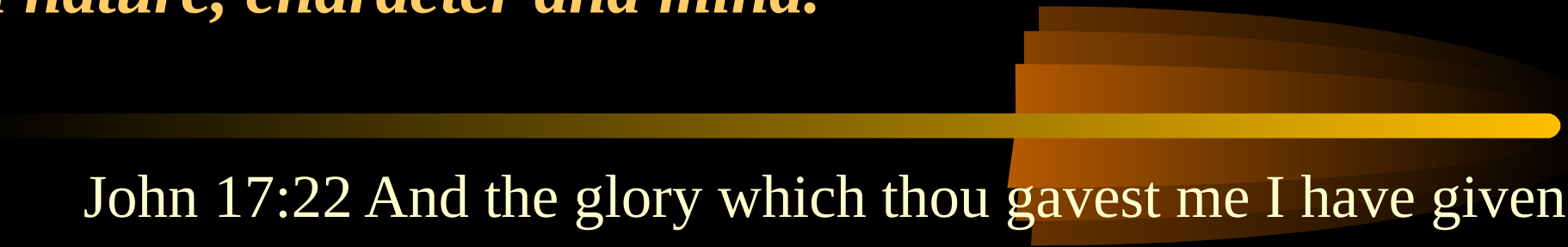
We are Bidden to Abide in Him

John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Abiding – Physically or Spiritually?



Christ and His Father are not one being, but one (united) in nature, character and mind.



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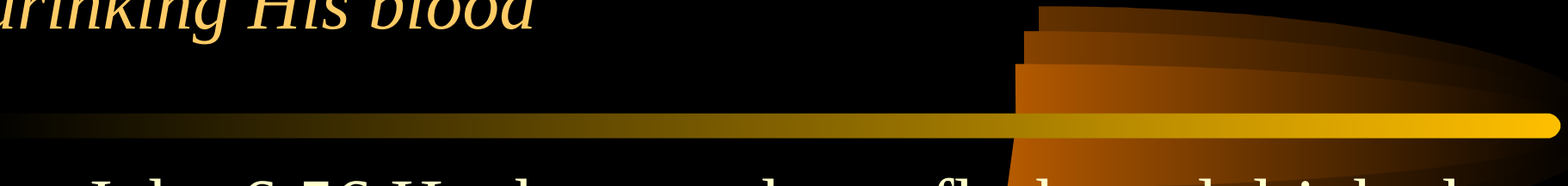
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Being united, thinking alike, is the result of abiding in Him

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We dwell in Him and He in us by “eating His flesh and drinking His blood



John 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

We receive the flesh and blood (the life) of Christ through receiving his words



John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the **words** that I speak unto you, they are **spirit**, and they are life.

Through His word we become one with Him



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And how much more are Christ's words true of our spiritual nature. He declares, "Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life." It is by receiving the life for us poured out on Calvary's cross, that we can live the life of holiness. DA 660.4



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[cont. from previous] And **this life we receive by receiving His word**, by doing those things which He has commanded. Thus we become one with Him. “He that eateth My flesh,” He says, “and drinketh My blood, **dwelleth in Me, and I in him**. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me.” John 6:54, 56, 57. - DA 660.4

He abides in us through His word

“If ye abide in me, and *my words* abide in you . . .”
John 15:7.

The Word of Christ to abide in us richly



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Colossians 3:16.

The Spirit = Spirit of God = Holy Spirit

“And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:” (Mt 3:16 AV)

“And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:” (Mr 1:10 AV)

“And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.” (Lu 3:22 AV)

Partaking of the Divine Nature

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature. 2 Peter 1:4.

Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. {DA 671}

How God Pours His Spirit Upon Us



Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my **spirit** unto you, I will make known my **words** unto you. Proverbs 1:23.

Words are the Expression of the Mind



“... out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh.” Matthew 12:34

We are to Have His Mind/Thoughts



“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:5.

The Spirit = the Mind

Who hath directed the **Spirit** of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? Isaiah 40:13.

For who hath known the **mind** of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Romans 11:34.

An ancient Egyptian painting depicting a pharaoh seated on an ornate golden throne. The pharaoh wears a white and red headdress and a white robe with a colorful collar. He is surrounded by attendants, including a woman on the left and several men on the right. A large, striped canopy covers the scene. The background features a blue and white striped pattern.

Pharaoh's Spirit was his mind

Gen 41:8 And it came to pass in the morning that his **spirit** was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

Moses' Spirit was His Mind

They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes: Because they provoked **his spirit**, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips. Psalm 106: 32, 33.

Nebuchadnezzar's Spirit was his mind

- Dan 2:3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my **spirit** was troubled to know the dream.

Spirit of God is Related to God as the Spirit of man is Related to Man



For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 1 Corinthians 2:11.

We receive Christ in receiving His Word



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- ... "As the living Father hath sent me," he says, "and I live by the Father; so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. . . .It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the **words** that I speak unto you, they are **spirit**, and they are life." Christ is not here referring to his doctrine, but to **his person**, the **divinity of his character**. {RH, April 5, 1906 par. 12}

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“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. The life of Christ that gives life to the world is in His Word.” DA 390.




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“It is through the word that Christ abides in His followers. This is the same vital union that is represented by eating His flesh and drinking His blood. The **words** of Christ are **spirit** and life. Receiving them, you receive the life of the Vine. You live *“by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”* Matt. 4:4. The life of Christ in you produces the same fruits as in Him. Living in Christ, adhering to Christ, supported by Christ, drawing nourishment from Christ, you bear fruit after the similitude of Christ.” DA 677.

Christ in us = the Spirit in us



That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by **his Spirit** in the inner man; that **Christ may dwell** in your hearts by faith . . . Ephesians 3:16-17


Spirit = non bodily presence of God or Christ



Ps 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy **spirit**? or whither shall I flee from thy **presence**?

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

*Christ can see and hear and act in spirit,
while physically at a distance.*



Ps 139:2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,
thou understandest my thought afar off.

Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ



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“They have one God and one Saviour, and one Spirit – **the Spirit of Christ.**” 9T 189

“The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ.” DA 805.3.

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“The holy Spirit is the comforter, as the personal presence of Christ to the soul.” RH, November 29, 1892 par. 3.

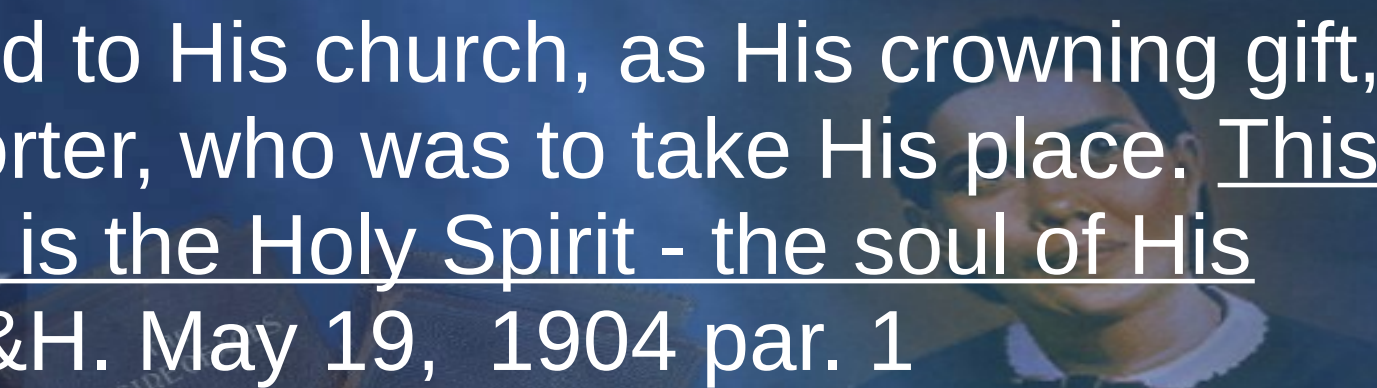


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“Christ declared that after His ascension, He would send to His church, as His crowning gift, the Comforter, who was to take His place. This Comforter is the Holy Spirit - the soul of His life....” R&H. May 19, 1904 par. 1

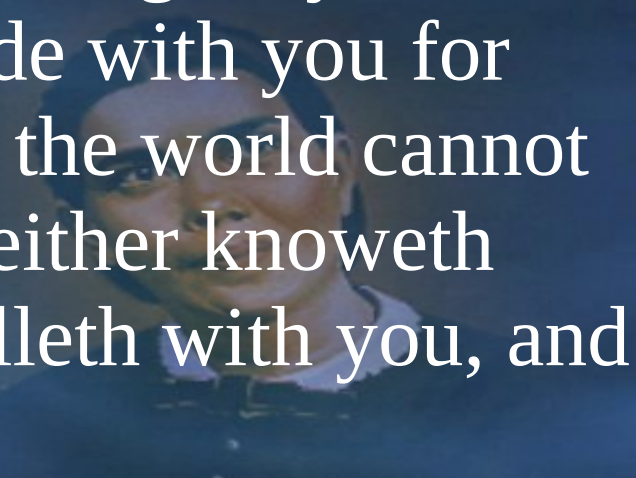


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“... "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" [John 14:16, 17]

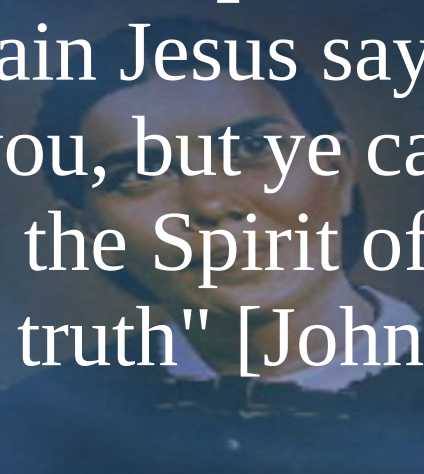


Holy Spirit is the omnipresence of Spirit of Christ



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This refers to the **omnipresence of the Spirit of Christ, called the Comforter**. Again Jesus says, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth" [John 16:12, 13]. {14MR 179.2}




Christ Abides in Us Through His Word




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“God himself speaks to the believing, trusting soul; for **God's Spirit is in his word**,... It is thus that the believer eats of Christ, the Bread of Life. Truth is seen in a new light, and the soul rejoices as in the visible presence of Christ. {ST, October 10, 1895 par. 9}



We have our part to play



For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:7, 8

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Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5.

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And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things**. Philippians 4:7-8