

The promise of the gift of the indwelling Spirit is based on a specific promise of God

- The indwelling Spirit is a seal or pledge (2 Corinthians 1:22, 5:5, Ephesians 1:13)
- The Spirit testifies of our adoption (Romans 8:16)
- The Spirit is the Helper (John 14)
- The Spirit is God (2 Corinthians 3:17 –18, Acts 5:3 – 4)

The gift of the Spirit gives us the capacity to overcome

- The Spirit gives life to our mortal bodies (Romans 8:11)
- The Spirit aids in putting to death the deeds of the body (Romans 8:13)
- The Spirit leads us (Romans 8:14)
- Strengthen the inner man (Ephesians 3:16)
- Renew (Titus 3:5 – 7)
- To perfect (Galatians 3:2-5) [note: may not refer to the indwelling Spirit]

The promise of the gift of the Spirit gives us motivation

- Knowing that the Spirit is housed in us gives us motivation to preserve a holy body (1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Thessalonians 4:8)
- Note: No Scripture suggests that we can feel the Spirit of God in us.

How do we know the Spirit dwells in us?

- Keeping His commandments is equivalent to the Spirit abiding in us (1 John 3:24). The commandments to which John refers are in verse 23.
- Loving one another is equivalent to being given the Spirit. (1 John 4:12 – 13). That love is given to believers by God (Romans 5:5)

Sometimes the jobs of the Spirit are not stated as being specific to the indwelling Spirit

- Assist in prayer (Romans 8:26, Ephesians 6:18)
- Provide access to the Father (Ephesians 2:18)
- Sanctify (1 Peter 1:2, 2 Thessalonians 2:13)
- Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22)
- Lead us (Galatians 5:18)
- Give hope (Galatians 5:5)
- Miraculous powers (1 Corinthians 12:7)

Do we have any control over the indwelling Spirit?

- Endeavor to be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18): redeem the time (v16), understand the will of the Lord (v17), sing about God (v19), give thanks (v20), be subject to one another (v21).
- Know the Word (2 Thessalonians 2:15)
- Pray (Ephesians 2:18, 6:18, Romans 8:26)
- Walk by the Spirit (Galatians 5:25)
- Use God's power rather than our own (1 Peter 4:10 – 11)

What are Spirits?

- God is Spirit (John 4:24)
- God is eternal (Romans 16:26)
- Angels are spirits (Hebrews 1:14)
- Good angels will exist forever (Revelation 21:12)
- Bad angels will exist forever (Matthew 25:41)

What about This World?

- The physical world will end (2 Peter 3:7 – 13)
- Satan was king of this world (Luke 4:6)
- Jesus is king of this world now (Revelation 11:15)
- Satan and his angels were defeated in a war in heaven (Revelation 12:7 – 9)
- Satan was loose on earth (1 Peter 5:8)
- Bad angels are in bondage now (Jude 6, 2 Peter 2:4)
- Satan is in bondage now (Revelation 20:3)

What about Human Spirits?

- Will exist forever (Revelation 20:11 – 15)
- Are said to die. (Genesis 2:16 – 17, Romans 7:9, Ephesians 2:1)
- Dead spirits cannot control their bodies (Romans 7:15, 8:6, 1 Corinthians 2:14, 15:3 – 8)
- Dead spirits can be resurrected (Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:12, Ephesians 2:4 – 6)
- Resurrected spirits can die (Romans 11:22 – 24, Hebrews 6:4 – 6)

What Do Resurrected Spirits Do?

- Worship God (Revelation 7:9 – 17)
- Reign with Jesus (Revelation 20:4 – 6)