

Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here

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Galatians 5:16-24

16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. 17 For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. 19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

The Holy Spirit...

1. LIVES IN YOU

1 Corinthians 3:16

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

John 14:17

"The world cannot accept [the Spirit of truth], because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

The Holy Spirit...

2. EMPOWERS YOU TO LIVE VICTORIOUSLY

Luke 24:49

"I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..."

Galatians 5:16

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

2 Timothy 1:7

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

The Holy Spirit...

3. BRINGS GLORY TO GOD & BEAUTIFIES HIS BRIDE

John 16:14

"[The Holy Spirit] will bring glory to me..."

Revelation 19:7-8

7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. 8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

Revelation 21:2

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

CONCLUSION:

How can I have the Holy Spirit live in me?

Luke 11:13

"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"