

VISITATION OR HABITATION

As Christians, we revel in the times in our lives that we've experienced a supernatural visitation of God. When we were in a meeting where His presence was so tangible or supernatural healings or miracles happened.

We long for these types of experiences and look forward to more visitations of God.

In between those times we attend church and bible studies every week, read Christians books and listen to Christian radio stations.

But God doesn't want us to visit Him a couple times a week. He wants to move in and have the run in the house

Let's look at some scriptures.

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6.19

Jesus told the Father in John 17.22

I have given them the glory You gave Me, so that they may be one just as We are one— I in them and You in Me—that they may be perfectly united, so that the world may know that You sent Me and have loved them just as You have loved Me.

It's our oneness with the Father, that Jesus' perfect sacrifice made our reality, that will cause the world to know how much He loves them.

Jesus declared to His disciples;

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

John 14.16

Jesus committed to us the same Spirit that He has, to dwell in us.

He continued;

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. "After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you *will* see Me; because I live, you will live also. "In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

The greek word translated as "live" in this passage is zoe - God's life.

Jesus was saying, because I possess God's life (zoe) - you will also possess God's life.

Jesus went on saying;

"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our permanent dwelling place with him.

Jesus did not promise them a visitation. He promised them the habitation of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 2.9 amp confirms this.

For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].

And you are in Him, made full *and* having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].

Jesus explained this habitation to the Pharisees.

Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, ‘Look, here *it is!*’ or, ‘There *it is!*’ For behold, the kingdom of God is in you.” Luke 17.20

The early church reached the entire known world, without a Bible, without a building, without seminary degrees, without denominational affiliations and doctrines, and without advertising campaigns or the internet.

They received the revelation from the Holy Spirit that the kingdom of God was in them, and they had become a habitation of God. Wherever they went the kingdom of God also went.

Every Sunday, all over the world, 2.6 billion Christians show up and praise God. We tell Him that You are the only one who is worthy, you have all authority and power, your name is above every name, you are holy and righteous, and that your love and grace are unchanging. And these things are all true.

I've had the Holy Spirit tell me, that as great and awesome as you say He is, He wants to be all that in you and through you to this entire world.

We need to repent of our lives and allow His life to be manifested in us and through us.

We can't make this happen by our own effort, but we can completely give ourselves to Him, spirit, soul, and body, and allow Him to be God in us.

God bless you.

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