

Lesson 15f: A Close Relationship

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Jesus and the Holy Spirit worked together to give new life to God's wife, just like in the beginning (review Lesson 11: The Holy Spirit and Life). With the barrier of sin removed by His blood sacrifice, the door of her heart could now be opened to receive His Word of Truth and the gift of His Holy Spirit inside her heart to give her new life. The more she allows His Word and His Spirit into her heart by loving Him with all her heart, the more "perfect" and complete she will become. Just as Eve was made a "helper" suitable for Adam, God gave us the Holy Spirit to help us be the suitable "Bride" for Jesus, our "Bridegroom".

A wife takes on her husband's name, when they are married. In the days of Moses, God commanded the Priests to bless the children of Israel and put His name upon them (see Num 6:22-27). When we accept the covenant that Jesus offers to us, then **we are given the name of Jesus to be written on our hearts** (review Lesson 5: Why Should we keep the commandments of Jesus?). When we have the name of Jesus on our hearts, **we also have the name of God the Father and the name of God the Holy Spirit because the three are one.** This is what Jesus meant when He commanded His disciples to baptize "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (see Mat 28:19). The disciples were to perform "marriage ceremonies", making sure the people understood fully that they were taking on God's Name - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

God also recorded His Name in the places where His Spirit came to rest on the Tabernacle and the places where He chose to make His habitation (see Exo 20:24, Exo 33:9, Deu 12:5). The Holy Spirit can now come upon us and helps us to create a "home" inside of us where Jesus can live closely with us.

1Jo 4:15 (ESV)

1Jo 3:24 (MRC)

Joh 14:23 (ESV)

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit wants to make "Their" home and habitation with us! Right now, our bodies are "temporary" tents on the Earth where "They" dwell with us (see 2Co 5:1-5).

Act 15:14-18 (LITV)

Isa 54:1-8 (MKJV)

Psa 19:4-5 (MKJV)

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Our bodies combined are the new, enlarged "Tent of Meeting" where Jesus, the "Bridegroom" wants to meet and dwell with us. Our hearts are where God's Word and Spirit will dwell - the new "Most Holy Place". But God has always desired a permanent Temple where His name, His heart, and covenant could dwell forever. We see examples of this in the stories about the Temple in the Old Testament (see 1Ki 8:19-21, 1Ki 9:3, 1Ch 22:10). The wisdom that the Holy Spirit gives to us helps us to "build" a permanent house, or Temple, for "Them".

Pro 24:3-4 (ESV)

The first Temple was built in Jerusalem, and it was made of stone, wood, and gold. But God really desired a "living" Temple that was not made by human hands, where His glory could dwell forever. The Tabernacle of God is now with men (see Rev 21:3, 1Co 6:19-20) and His Temple is being made of "living" stones built on the foundation of His Cornerstone - Jesus.

1Pe 2:4-9 (ESV)

Eph 2:20-22 (MKJV)

Zec 8:3 (KJV)

Isa 33:20 (ESV)

King Jesus has purposed to establish the city of Jerusalem again to be the permanent home of His Temple where He will dwell forever with His Bride, the Church, on Mount Zion, His Holy Mountain.

Dan 9:16-19 (MKJV)

Isa 60:10-14 (MKJV)

Psa 132:13-14 (ESV)