

Closing the Gap

THE FAMILIAR STRANGER

John 16:7 *But I tell you the truth, it is for your benefit that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.*

The indwelling _____ of God through the Holy Spirit surpasses the bodily, human presence of God through Jesus.

_____: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

The average Believer experiences a _____ between the power of the Holy Spirit we read on the pages of Scripture and what we experience in our own life.

Spiritual _____ is closing the gap between the Spirit at work in the Bible and the Spirit at work in my life as narrowly as possible.

Perichoresis - _____ indwelling relationship - PERI which means “*around*” and CHORESIS which means “*dance*”. (Divine Dance)

Parakletos - “*one called along side to _____*”.

Genesis 1:1-2 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2Now the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.*

The Spirit was present at _____.

Genesis 2:7 *Then the LORD/Yahweh God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.*

The same Spirit (breath) of God that orders and fills all of creation, breathed life into Adam, and fills _____ with His divine life today.

Exodus 40:34-35 *Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD/Yahweh filled the tabernacle.
35Moses was unable to enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD/Yahweh filled the tabernacle.*

The tabernacle and temple represent an era of presence without intimacy - good, but _____.

John 1:14 *The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 2:18-19 *On account of this, the Jews demanded, "What sign can You show us to prove Your authority to do these things?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again."*

John 2:21 *But Jesus was speaking about the temple of His body.*

John 20:22-23 *He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."*

1 Corinthians 3:16 *Do you not know that you yourselves are God's temple, and that God's Spirit dwells in you?*

John 14:12 *Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I am doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*

When we accept the gift of salvation, _____ into living, breathing, walking, talking tabernacles for the Spirit to dwell.

"Everything, absolutely everything in the scriptures is livable. Not just true, but livable."
— Eugene Peterson

PRAYER: Spirit of the Living God, I want all of You.