

Be Confident!

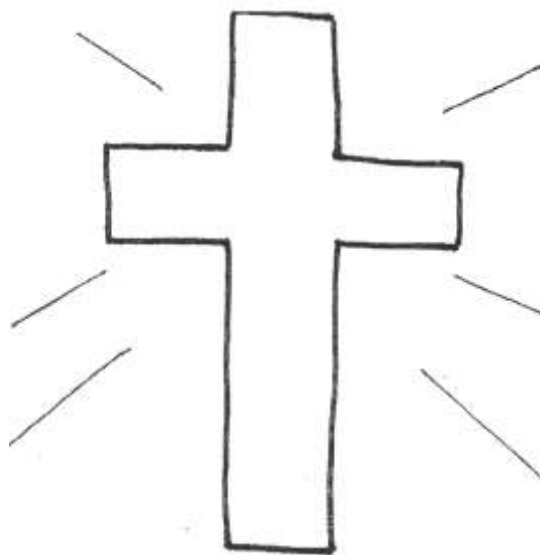
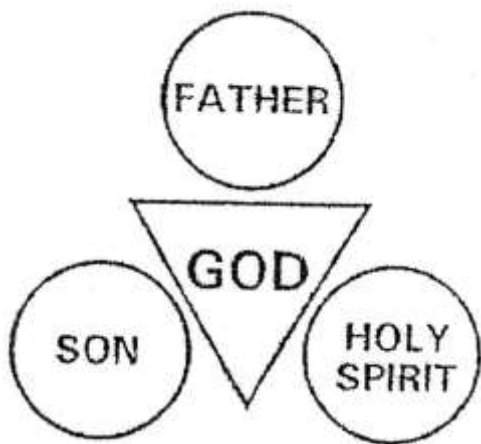
God Lives In You!

Part 2, Indwelling of the Lord Jesus Christ

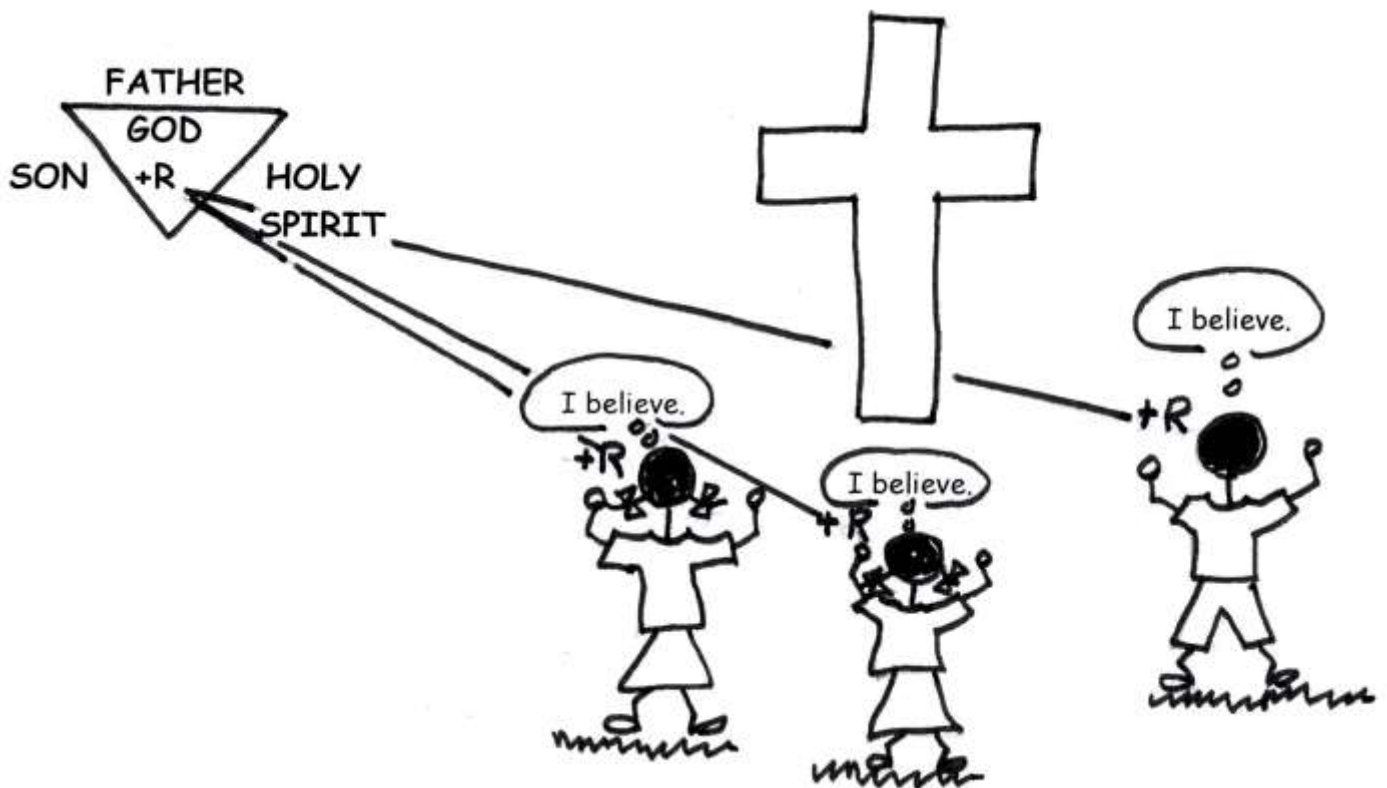
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Be confident, Church Age believers! God lives in you or indwells your body. In part 1 of *Be confident, God Lives in You!* we talked about God the Father living inside of us. Now we are going to talk about God the Son, Jesus Christ, living inside of us or indwelling our bodies. Because it is invisible it is difficult to imagine, but it is true! Church Age believers are new creatures in Christ!

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.



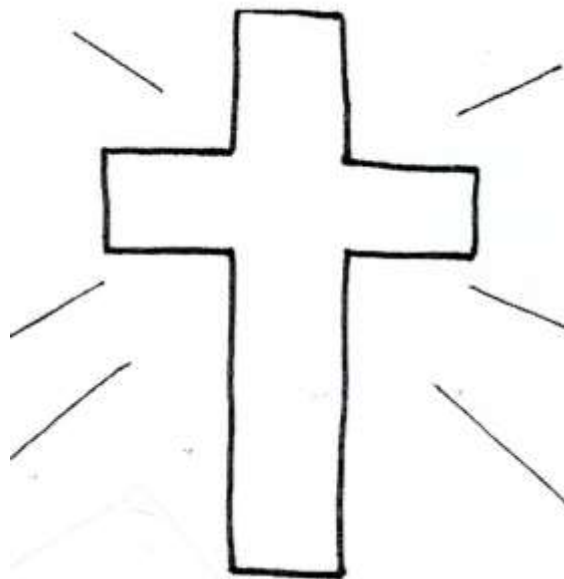
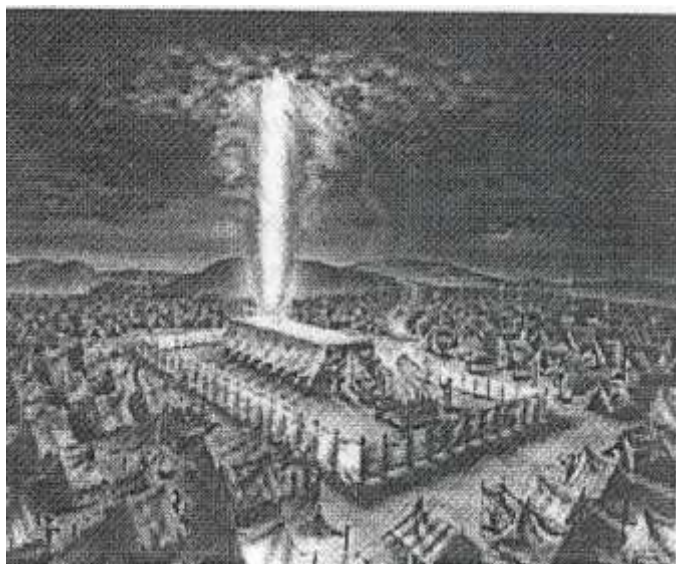
When we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, God declared us righteous in our new nature, the nature of Jesus Christ. This is not because of something we have done, but because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross! In our new nature, God sees us as perfectly righteous because He sees His Son as perfectly righteous! There is **nothing** to be unconfident or negative about since the Lord Jesus Christ is indwelling us.



Romans 8:10 "And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin [old sin nature], yet the spirit [human spirit]* is alive because of righteousness."

*Human spirit: given to believers at salvation to store Bible doctrine.

The indwelling of the Lord Jesus Christ is a sign of the Royal family of God. You can think of it as a badge saying: *Member of the Royal Family of God*. In the old testament, there was a sign of God's presence with the Jews, the cloud by day and a pillar of fire at night. It was a sign of the Shekinah Glory, the Lord Jesus Christ. A sign that God was on their side. We have in us the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ so we know that He is on our side! He is the proof, the sign, that we are members of the Royal family of God. Shekinah comes from the word *shakan* which means to invisibly live in something or someone.

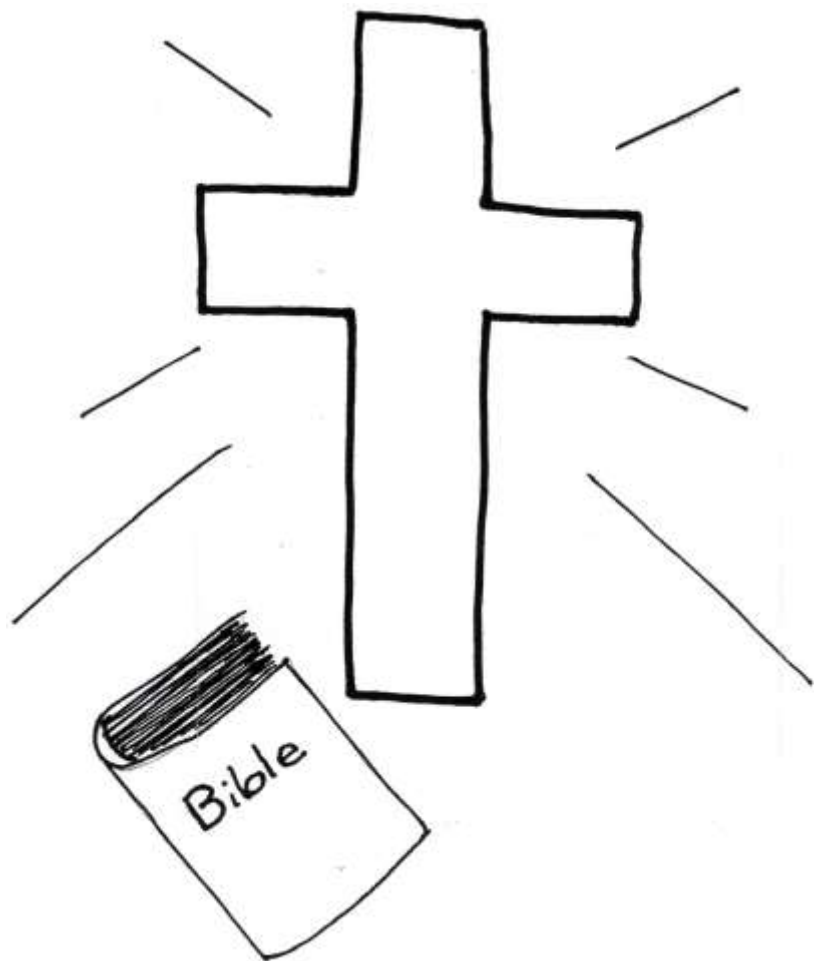


John 14:20 In that day [Church Age] you will [come to] know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

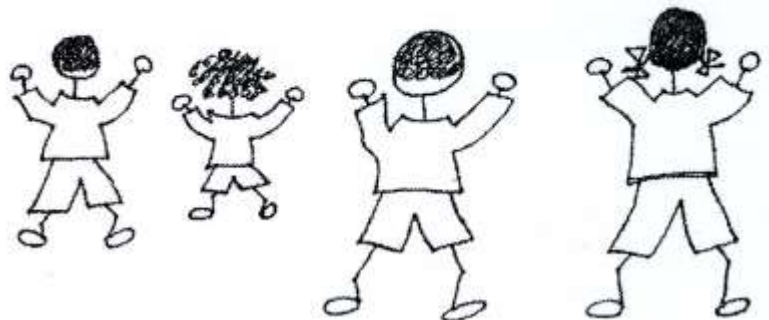
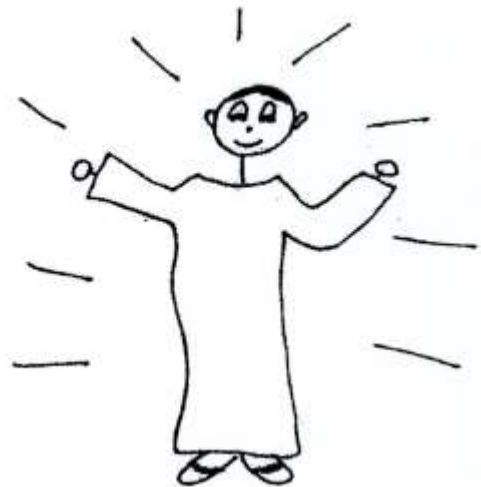
The indwelling of the Lord Jesus Christ supports and encourages us to use divine power in our spiritual lives. What kept Him going while on earth was the power of the Holy Spirit and God's word. We have available to us the same power! Jesus defeated Satan and the fallen angels and won the victory! We can show Satan, the fallen angels, the elect angels and those around us that God's power and grace plan work! Our God is an awesome God!

1 Peter 1:5 Who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation [deliverance] ready to be revealed in the last time.

2 Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses [things around us that can hinder us in the spiritual life].

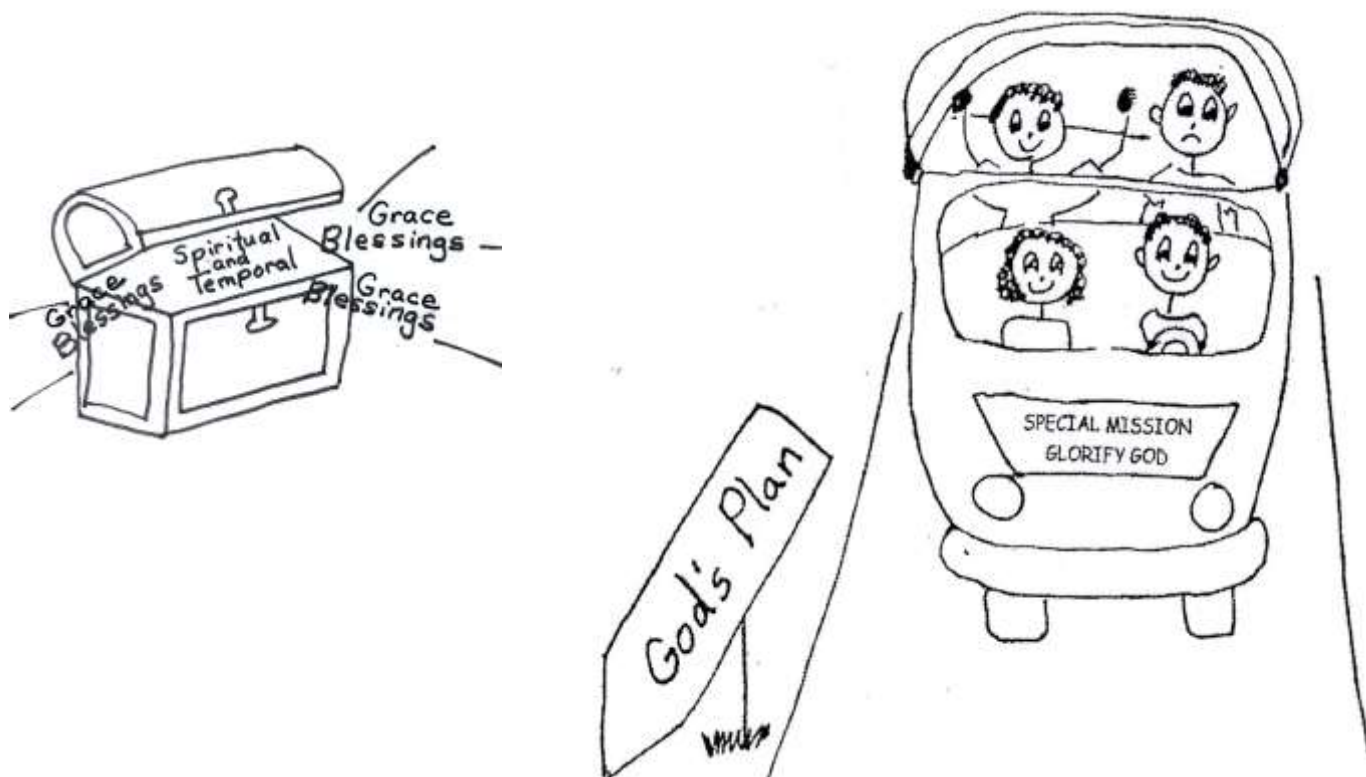


We need to know what escrow means. It is money or property put into the custody of a third party until specified conditions are met. "What?" you say. What it means to us is: blessings that God the Father has given to Jesus Christ to keep for us until we are spiritually ready to receive them. The indwelling of Jesus Christ is a guarantee of our escrow blessings. He is both the depository - the one keeping our blessings safe, and the escrow officer - the one who will give us the blessings at the right time.



Colossians 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what is the glorious riches of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the confidence of the glory.

Jesus Christ, the Shekinah Glory, is a guarantee of the irrevocability of the escrow blessings. Irrevocable means they can't be changed; they will always be available to us. The only way we won't receive them is if we don't carry on in the plan of God. The indwelling of Jesus Christ is the certainty of their distribution to us when we have the capacity or the ability to enjoy them. In other words, when we are spiritually ready to receive the blessings.



Romans 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

God always wants His people to know He is protecting and guiding them. He wants believers to know that they are secure in His mercy, grace and love. He let's us know this in different ways in different dispensations or times. In the Church Age, the indwelling of the Lord Jesus Christ is one of the ways God shows us His protection and guidance. He wants us to concentrate on His love for us. He wants us to know Him and all He has done for us. We can know God by learning, believing and using Bible doctrine, the thinking of Jesus Christ! We can know and be confident that God is protecting and guiding us!



Colossians 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what is the glorious riches of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the confidence of the glory [the Shekinah Glory, or the manifestation of the Lord Jesus Christ].

Points to Remember

1. God the Son, Jesus Christ, indwells Church Age believers.
2. When we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, God declared us righteous in our new nature.
3. The indwelling of the Lord Jesus Christ is a sign of the Royal Family of God.
4. The indwelling of the Lord Jesus Christ supports and encourages us to use divine power in our spiritual lives.
5. To Church Age believers *escrow* means: blessings that God the Father has given to Jesus Christ to keep for us until we are spiritually ready to receive them.
6. As the Shekinah Glory indwelling believers, Jesus Christ is a guarantee of our escrow blessings always being available to us.
7. In the Church Age, the indwelling of the Lord Jesus Christ is one of the ways God shows us His protection and guidance.



Questions for Discussion

1. Church Age believers, how does God see us as perfectly righteous?
2. What was the sign of God's presence in the Old Testament? What is the sign of God's presence in the Church Age?
3. What are some of the results or benefits of the indwelling of God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ?
4. What does *escrow* mean to Church Age believers?
5. What are some things God wants us to know about Him?



Hebrews 13:21
God is strengthening and equipping you with everything good that you may carry out His will while He Himself works in you and accomplishes that which is pleasing in His sight.
(Amplified version)

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