# 1 John Lesson 21

1 John 4:13-16

“Dwelling in Love, Dwelling in God”

Introduction: John mentions the idea of dwelling in God and God dwelling in us 3 times in these four verses. It is as though he wants to us to get this as importance to assurance. There are many people today who place themselves under the umbrella of Christianity who say they are a Christian of some sort, but they do not know for sure that they are going to heaven. People that do not believe that a person can know for sure they will go to heaven, but they are certain that after a love one dies that person is in heaven. The Bible tells us clearly that every person who believes in Jesus Christ unto Salvation, possesses the Holy Spirit.

**I. He abideth in us.**

A. We know that He abides in us by the Spirit which He has given to unto us.

1. We do not get saved and wait for the Holy Spirit to move in.

a. John says He has given to us…

b. to every believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit of God.

1) identification with God

2) security in God

2. The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.

a. How can a person trust Jesus and have the Holy Spirit of God move in them and have no awareness of it.

b. How a person have not concept of the presence of the Holy Spirit in them.

c. If you are saved and a child of God, then you should be aware of His working in you.

d. The same God who (in Spirit) moved upon the face of the waters in the creation moves in you but not aware of it?

B. We know that He abides in us, because when doubt comes in His Spirit points us back to truth.

1. The Spirit of God calls us back to attention upon Jesus Christ.

a. He wants us to glorify the Savior

b. His purpose is to uplift the name of Jesus!

2. He testifies of that which is true and warns of that which is false!

a. The Spirit says… truth, Truth!

b. or says to us…ERROR!!

3. Some are inclined to say “if He has given us of His Spirit, not all of His Spirit

a. Like when a millionaire wishes to share of his wealth

b. If he gives you a bill of currency, then he has given to you of his wealth.

1) This does not relate the same to the Spirit.

2) The Holy Spirit is a person and cannot be divided up in parts.

3) He does not come in portions.

4. This means we have experienced His work and His purpose

a. We have been given part of His responsibility.

b. He is working in us.

c. My father is 100% my father, but I receive of my father:

1) Provisions – food on the table, roof over my head

2) Protection – home of love, security

3) Teaching and Wisdom – how to change the oil, pick out an nice tie, take care of the tools, avoid washing dishes

4) Discipline – chastisement, correction, guidance

5) Through my life I have been the recipient of his fulfillment of his role as a father.

**II. We abide in Him.**

A. This is what separates us from the rest of the world.

1. We recognizes Him as the everlasting Song of God.

a. sent down from God the Father

b. the savior of the world

c. We came to this conclusion by the Holy Spirit

2. Not just a great figure in history who taught and instructed.

a. Buddhist and Hindus acknowledge this

b. They even believe that Islam and other have good points.

B. We have known and believed the love that God hath to us.

1. We also manifest and practice love by the work of the Holy Spirit.

a. If you love God then that love is by the Holy Ghost of God.

b. If you love the brethren, that ability to love is because of the Holy Ghost that is shed abroad in your heart.

2. If the Holy Spirit of God lives in you, then He is compelling you to make much of Jesus Christ.

a. What attention do you give to Jesus?

b. Do you speak to others of Jesus?

c. Should there be evidence of a Holy life in you? Me?

Conclusion: God moves in us, how can we not look at life differently.

The Holy Spirit should be producing HOLINESS!!!