



**QA: If the Holy Spirit Is Indwelling, Why Assemble?** by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

**QUESTION: If the Holy Spirit dwells in us, why do we need to go to church and Bible classes?**

**ANSWER: No one would know that “the Holy Spirit dwells in us,” except by quoting Scripture:**

That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. (**2 Timothy 1:14**)

1) WE CANNOT IGNORE VERSE 13:

Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. (**2 Timothy 1:13**)

Since the Holy Spirit “dwells in us,” why did Timothy need to “hold fast the pattern of sound words” he had heard Paul teach? Even Timothy had the Holy Spirit dwelling in him through the words the Holy Spirit had already revealed through the Apostle Paul.

2) FOLLOW “THE WORD OF GOD” IN SCRIPTURE:

a) In Creation: “the worlds were framed by the word of God” (**Hebrews 11:3**);

b) In Conversion:

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever. (**1 Peter 1:22-23**)

But the word of the LORD endures forever. Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you. (**1 Peter 1:25**)

c) In A Christian:

I have written to you, young men,  
Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you,  
And you have overcome the wicked one. (**1 John 2:14**)

d) Since we learn the details of Creation through the written Word of God (**Genesis** Chapters **1-3**), and we must receive the Word of God to be saved (**Romans 10:17**), and let the Word of God abide in us to remain faithful (**1 John 5:13**), WHO WOULD TEACH A DOCTRINE THAT DISCARDS CONSTANT STUDY OF THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD? NOT GOD!

3) JESUS TAUGHT IN THE PARABLE OF THE SOILS THAT THE "SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD" (**LUKE 8:4-15**). THAT "SEED" PRODUCED BELIEF IN ALL WHO HEARD IT. THE POWER TO PRODUCE BELIEF WAS IN THE SEED, NOT THE SOWER!

4) IN CORINTH:

And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized. ... [but Paul] continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. (**Acts 18:11**)

Why? Paul's Holy Spirit-inspired Word of God which he preached had converted the Corinthians and was necessary to continue for 11/2 years because the HOLY SPIRIT DID NOT OPERATE ON HEARTS SEPARATE FROM, OR INDEPENDENT OF, HIS WORD SPOKEN/ WRITTEN THROUGH THE APOSTLES! WHY, THEN, WOULD PAUL NEED TO WRITE **1 & 2 CORINTHIANS**?

5) JESUS MADE FAITH IN HIM DEPENDENT UPON FAITH IN THE "WRITINGS OF MOSES" (**John 5:46-47**), AND THE APOSTLES' HOLY SPIRIT-INSPIRED WORD (**John 17:20**). AS PAUL WROTE, THERE IS NO SPIRITUAL GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHICH ADDS TO, OR OPERATES SEPARATE FROM, "THE THINGS WHICH I WRITE TO YOU [WHICH] ARE THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD." (**1 CORINTHIANS 14:37**)

The written Word of God tell us all we need to know for proper life now, and in the world to come!

— jtpll, August 25, 2019