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As Christians we believe that the Holy Spirit "indwells and sanctifies the Christian believer."

Sanctifies us = he helps us to live a God honouring (holy) life.

Why no argument?

... a common gospel.

... serious error when they reject other truths

What does the bible say?

1) The teaching role ...

Ezekiel 36:27 ... to move us to follow

John 14:26 ... "teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you".

the Holy Spirit is NOT working independently of scripture.

2) The obedience role ...

Romans 8:12-17 ... "by the Spirit, putting to death the misdeeds of the body."

Galatians 5:22-26, fruit of the Spirit = the outworking of the Spirit working in your life is love, joy, peace patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

3) The Indwelling role ...

The Holy Spirit indwells us, he does not possess us.

1 cor 6:19 ... a temple of the Holy Spirit

2 Cor 6:16 ... we are the temple of the living God

4) The Deposit role

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Ephesians 1:13-14, "marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession".

Romans 8:23, "having the first fruits of the Spirit."

Final warnings

- Warning 1 The Spirit simply becomes a means of me getting what I want or need or desire
- Warning 2 The work of the Spirit is not associated with the word of God or obedience to the word of God
- Warning 3 The experience of the spirit power is not connected with obedience to the word of God
- Warning 4 A wedge is driven in between the work of the Spirit and the word of God.