

**Grace Bible Church**  
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**You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?” On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, “Why did you make me like this,” will it? Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use, and another for common use? (Rom 9:19-21)**

As a part of the will of God, we need to note the importance of understanding the uniqueness of the indwelling of the Trinity. This is something that has never occurred before. Never before in history, and never again after the Rapture is the believer indwelt by God the Father, God the Son, or God the Holy Spirit. However, during the Church-age we do have the indwelling of Trinity.

God the Father indwells your body (Joh 14:23; 1Jo 3:24, 4:12-16, Eph 2:2, 4:6; 2Jo 9).

**Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.” (Joh 14:23)**

**Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1Jo 4:15-16)**

God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us.

**There is One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph 4:6)**

**Whom [TLJC] you also are being built together to become in which God lives by His Spirit. (Eph 2:22)**

**And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us. (1Jo 3:23)**

This is God's command: to believe in His Son, Jesus Christ. He told us to love each other, in line with the original command.

**And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. (1Jo 3:24)**

**No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. /1JO 4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1Jo 4:12-15)**

God the Father indwells for at least four reasons:

1) He wants us to be totally convinced that He is the Creator of our portfolio of invisible assets. This means He is the one who provides for us everything we need for our natural life and our spiritual life.

**Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. (2Pe 1;2-3)**

Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been graciously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God. This is the best invitation we have ever received.

2) He also wants us to be totally convinced that He is the Grantor of our escrow blessings. In Heb 13:5 we read: **Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,"** HEB 13:6 so that we confidently say, **"The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?"**

3) He wants us to be totally convinced that He is the Mastermind of the PPOG for the Church-age.

4) You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

**Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. (1Pe 5:6-9)**

4) He also wants us to be totally convinced that He is the Designer of our very own unique and individual plan. This means not only the PPOG as the general plan of God for your life but also your personal sense of destiny. The purpose of the indwelling of the Trinity is to manufacture winner believers. The indwelling of the Trinity is to manufacture winner believers and is the product of Bible doctrine.

**For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. goes on to say But we have this treasure. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves; (2Co 4:5-7)**

This is the great power of the hypostatic union extended into the Church-age to make us winner believers.

How?

**We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; (2Co 4:8)**

The Greek word for *afflicted* is the pres-pass-part of the verb *thlibo* which means to be pressed as

grapes bring forth wine, to press hard upon to trouble, to afflict, to distress, to suffer tribulation, trouble.

The Greek word for *perplexed* is another pres-pass-part, *aporeo* means to be without resources at times, to be in straits, to be embarrassed, to be in doubt, not to know which way to turn, not to know how to decide or what to do.

But we're not in despair.

2Co 4:9 says, **persecuted, but not forsaken;but not destroyed;**

The Greek for *persecuted* is another pres-pass-part *dioko* meaning to persecute, to follow after, to be given over to undeserved suffering, to pursue in a hostile manner, to harass, to be mistreated, to suffer persecution on account of something.

The Greek word for *struck down* is another pres-pass-part, *kataballo* means to cast down, to throw to the ground, or as Joseph Thayer says to be put into a lower place.

Winner believers are formed by: **always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. (2Co 4:10)**

What is the dying of Jesus? It is the fact that as an innocent individual, He went through undeserved suffering and He didn't complain, He didn't quit, He went forward in the plan of God for His life. The Greek word for *life* is the noun *zoe* which means the state of one who is possessed of vitality, it is used of the absolute fullness of life which belongs to God.

**For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you. (2Co 4:11-12)**

This is the attitude of the adult believer and the one on the road to becoming a winner believer. The winner believer advances to spiritual maturity.

He executes the PPOG. He spends enough time inside the PPOG and under the ministry of whomever is his right pastor to learn the principles of the mystery doctrine of the Church-age. Invisible God plus invisible assets plus invisible power equals the invisible hero. No one can become a winner believer apart from perception, metabolization and application of Bible doctrine which emphasizes consistent exposure to and cognition of the mystery doctrine of the Church-age, through which the believer attains spiritual maturity and provides invisible impact.

The winner believer of the Church-age is designed to manufacture invisible heroes through perception, metabolization, and application of Bible doctrine.

This means that metabolized doctrine plus wisdom results in momentum in the PPOG.

**“I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And I find knowledge {and} discretion.**

**The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate. Counsel is mine and sound wisdom; I am understanding, power is mine.” (Pro 8:12-14)**

**but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1Co 1:23-24)**

**A wise man is strong, And a man of knowledge increases power.  
(Pro 24:5)**

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The mystery doctrine of the Church-age cannot be perceived and metabolized apart from residence, function, and momentum inside the PPOG. So the winner believer is filled with the Spirit throughout the day. He has already learned the basic doctrines, the basic modus operandi, and the problem-solving devices. He has enforced and genuine humility so that he perpetuates perception of Bible doctrine, and thereby spiritual momentum. He functions consistently under perception, metabolization and application of Bible doctrine. He has advanced to the first stage of spiritual adulthood, where he has attained spiritual self-esteem, which is cognitive self-confidence. Then he passes providential preventative suffering, the suffering for blessing which advances him to spiritual autonomy. He doesn't deserve to suffer, but goes through it without complaining, grumbling or arguing.

**If he passes the test then he enters into the second stage of spiritual growth, spiritual autonomy.  
(Phi 2:14)**

In spiritual autonomy, he passes the four parts of momentum testing from cognitive independence:

People Testing.

Thought Testing.

Mental attitude testing.

Disaster testing.

Finally, he advances to spiritual maturity. He passes evidence testing and becomes a winner believer. As an invisible hero, the believer becomes a part of the pivot, which is the last stand of any client nation and its only basis for genuine blessing. The spiritual gift of pastor-teacher is the divinely-appointed vehicle for the communication of the mystery doctrine as well as other doctrines and principles in the Word of God. The pastor communicates all of the mechanics and information necessary for the execution of the PPOG.

An invisible hero is only manufactured through the execution of the PPOG. The believer can only glorify God through the execution of that plan in the Church-age. So it is absolutely necessary for the believer as a royal priest to sit still, listen, concentrate under the filling of the Spirit, understand, and believe the doctrine, metabolizing it by faith perception. No believer can execute the PPOG, become a winner believer or glorify God apart from the teaching ministry of a pastor. This dramatizes the importance of isagogical, exegetical, categorical expository teaching of the Word of God.

The indwelling of God the Father is a guarantee of His personal ministry to every Church-age believer, both in time and in eternity past. The indwelling of God the Father is unique and without precedence. It is a part of the mystery doctrine of the Church-age. Never before in history was any believer indwelt by God the Father; only in this dispensation.

So again, God the Father indwells your body for at least four reasons:

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2) He also wants us to be totally convinced and confident that He is the Grantor of our escrow blessings; Heb 13:5-6.

The Grantor usually implies that the giver is in a higher position, as one of authority, than the receiver and that he or she acts out of justice, mercy, or generosity.

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Knowledge let's us see the true issue of what's really going on in the spiritual realm. This is why Eph 6:12 says **Because our struggle is not against blood** [people's souls] **and flesh** [their old sin nature], **but against the rulers** [these are the archons like Abaddon and Beelzebub], **against the powers** [demon officers who have phenomenal authority], **against the world forces of this darkness** [kosmokratoras meaning demons who specialize in possessing or influencing the cosmos or world rulers] **against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places or against the spiritual forces of evil in the atmosphere around the earth, the stellar universe and in the presence of God.**

We do not know what we're going to need in the future, but God does. There will never be a change until you work closely with God and His plan for your life. It isn't just a matter of hearing the right thing. If a teacher of the word of God wants to become a better teacher and learn the best way to teach principle, the one he should observe is the greatest teacher of all TLJC.

In the sermon on the mount the Lord said something that all of His listeners heard. There was a large congregation listening to the teaching and the lessons, and as He draws the message to the end, He makes an interesting observation.

**“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and {yet} it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock. And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and it fell, and great was its fall. The result was that when Jesus had finished these words, the multitudes were amazed at His teaching;” (Mat 7:24-28)**

Notice that the difference between those who can stand the rain, the floods, the winds, and then those who can't. The difference is that although they both heard the same message, one group applied what they heard, and the other group did not. They both heard the same message but one group applied. The difference was not in the hearing, but rather in the acting. At some point in our lives, we all have contact with a prodigal son, or what we could call a rebel, one who defiantly goes his or her way even if it contradicts the plan of God as well as reason and experience.

The rebel we know may be a son, a daughter, an employer, a parent, a friend, a spouse or perhaps even ourselves. Whoever it is, we can be confident that one who rebels against God is turning away from the Giver of wisdom who provides solid advice for handling life. Most of us learn this truth the hard way.

Solomon learned this lesson the hard way, rather than listen to God's command not to associate with foreign women, Solomon disobeyed by marrying many non-Israelites who eventually turned his devotion away from the Lord, (1Ki 11:1-4). It was during this period of defiance that Solomon sought to find satisfaction on a purely human level. The consequences of this rebellion were serious. God disciplined him by raising up foreign adversaries who brought much turmoil to his final years as Israel's ruler (1Ki 11).

As Solomon has recorded in Ecclesiastes, his search for happiness under the sun uncovered only vanity and despair. His findings can be summarized in two simple verses! Look at Chapter 2, verses 17 and 18 of Ecclesiastes.

**So I hated life, for the work which had been done under the sun was grievous to me; because everything is futility and striving after wind. Thus I hated all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun, for I must leave it to the man who will come after me. (Ecc 2:17-18)**

Solomon was saying that he had all that *under the sun living* could ask for, and he hated it all. It was empty, futile living! No dimension, no purpose, no meaning, which is another way of saying no wisdom, no personal sense of destiny. You truly didn't realize the calling of God upon your life, or the privilege of receiving the divine invitation to participate in the greatest victory ever won.

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