

Lake Expounded From the Sermon, "The Habitation of God"

"Christ's purpose for the world was that men,
like Himself,
should become the dwelling place of God."

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Think beyond sins forgiven.

Think beyond going to heaven.

Christ's purpose for coming into the world was beyond sins forgiven, beyond taking us to heaven when we die.

When Dr. Lake was speaking of men becoming the 'habitation of God', he was not referring to an 'incarnation' but a re-creation. There was only one 'incarnation'. There are many 're-creations'.

God, through the Redemptive Work of the Cross was given the legal right to recreate those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. The purpose of this re-creation was to make the spirit of man a suitable habitation for the Spirit of God and through the Spirit of God, the habitation of God.

The Spirit of Truth, He dwells with you and shall dwell in you, Jesus told His disciples.

What makes the change from 'with' to 'in'?

The New Creation.

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things have passed away (the old moral and spiritual condition of sin and spiritual death), behold! all things are become new and all things (in this new creation) are of God, who has reconciled us unto Himself by Christ Jesus", 2 Corinthians 5:17.

"You **are** the temple of the living God, for He hath said: I will dwell IN them and I will walk IN them and they shall be My people and I will be their God," 1 Corinthians 6:16.

Notice the tense Paul is using in speaking to the Corinthians believers in Christ: present tense, 'are'.

He is quoting the Old Testament when the tense of the verb was still future, 'will'.

God is plainly speaking in the Old Testament what His intention was: to make man His habitation.

Here are some other verses for you to consider:

He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit (or one in spirit/one by the Spirit) with the Lord, (1 Corinthians 6:17)

What agreement hath the temple of God with idols, for ye are the temple of the Living God; as God has said, I will dwell IN them and I will WALK in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people, (2 Corinthians 6:16).

What fellowship hath light with darkness, Christ with Belial, righteousness with unrighteousness, (2 Corinthians 6:14&15).

They shall all know Me from the least to the greatest, (Hebrews 8:11, quoting Isaiah 54:13). How? By My Spirit inhabiting them.

I am the Vine, you are the branches. If you abide IN me and my words abide IN you, (John 15:5&7).

He is the firstborn of many brethren, (Romans 8:29).

....born, not of the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but of God, (John 1:12&13).

Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His, Romans 8:29 (the opposite being true in the case of the born again believer, he is Christ's and therefore has His Spirit.)

It is no longer I that lives, but Christ that lives in me, (Galatians 2:20).

