

My Favorite Halloween Sign

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I didn't actually see the sign on someone's front lawn, but I did receive it as a humorous post from a religious online journal. It read: "**The only ghost who lives in this house is the Holy Ghost!**" That caused me to laugh out loud while sitting in front of my computer, so I have to give it the nod. But the thought is worth considering. **Does the Holy Spirit live in your house?** By that I mean, does the Holy Spirit's revelation from God to man through Jesus Christ live in your heart and therefore your life?

- Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to the apostles as a "*Comforter*" (KJV) or "*Helper*" (NKJV), Who would teach them all things, bring to their remembrance all Jesus had said to them, and show them things yet unrevealed to them by Jesus, John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7.
- Jesus explained that the Holy Spirit could not come to them until He ascended back to heaven, John 16:7. We know Jesus ascended to heaven because the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles on the day of Pentecost, in Jerusalem, A.D. 33, Acts 2:4. Jesus' promise was fulfilled.
- The Holy Spirit's revelation to men is limited by the authority of Jesus Himself, John 16:13.
- Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, apostles and prophets revealed to men the letters compiled to make up the New Testament, 1 Corinthians 2:10-13; Ephesians 3:3-5.
- Christians are **commanded** to be *filled* with the Spirit, Ephesians 5:18. Notice this is not a *promise*, but a *command*. Therefore it is something we can do ourselves, not something the Holy Spirit does to us. But how can we be filled with the Spirit? Simple. The parallel passage to Ephesians 5:18-19 is Colossians 3:16 which states: "*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...*" So when the "*word of Christ*" **dwells** in us, the Holy Spirit Who revealed that word **dwells** in us. It is a fact that the Spirit dwells in the faithful Christian, Romans 8:9, 11. But those verses are *conditional*, therefore it is something we must commit to doing. Which brings us back to the original question: "**Does the Holy Spirit live in your house?**"

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