



Trinity's Mansion!

 **PASSION:** It's fascinating to consider that, not only am **I** the temple of the Holy Spirit individually (1 Corinthians 6:19,20), but **we** are the temple of the Holy Spirit collectively (1 Corinthians 3:16). God doesn't stop there! Jesus makes a profound statement in John 14:23, "... We [meaning Father and Jesus] will come to them (individually) and will make our dwelling place with them." (NET) Eugene Peterson in The Message says, "We'll move right into the neighborhood!" and **you are** the neighborhood! The Trinity has moved in! You are their house. The implications are electric relationally! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have moved their "out of this world" relationship into our very core. That is where you are drawn in by them to experience the fullness of intimacy they desire. In "**Experiencing The Trinity**", Darrell Johnson, from his extensive research tells us, "The living God is not a solitary God. The living God is not an isolated God. The living God is a relationship, a community, a Trinity. And this God draws near to us to draw us near to Himself within the circle of His knowing and loving of Himself." Allow these words to sink in. May they impact you like they are impacting me! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have the ultimate, mind-blowing relationship with each other. They move the full expression of their relationship with each other inside us!

 **PROBE:** We are accustomed to the beautiful reality that the Holy Spirit has moved into our very lives to establish, design, renovate, and transform us into the holy temple of God. But have we truncated the full scope of experience Father, Son, and Holy Spirit intend for us?

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit:

"I will ask the Father to send you another Helper, the Spirit of truth, who will remain constantly with you."
(John 14:15, the Voice Bible)

Consider what else Jesus says:

"Anyone who loves Me will listen to My voice and obey. The Father will love him, and We will draw close to him and make a dwelling place within him." (John 14:23, the Voice Bible)


Can you allow yourself to envision Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit taking up permanent residence in you? This mysterious intertwining of persons is expressed by Jesus in His high priestly prayer in John 17:21-23, NASB:

"²¹ That they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; ²³ I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me."

"The Father loved the Son, the Son loved the Father, and the love between the Father and the Son was embodied in the Spirit. As St. Augustine of the fourth century put it, 'God is (at once) Lover, Beloved, and Love itself.' And here is the Gospel: The God who is love draws near to me, a sinful, mere mortal, to draw me near to himself, in order to draw me within the circle of Lover, Beloved, and Love itself. I become a co-lover with God! It is the very reason for my existence." (**Experiencing The Trinity**, Johnson)

A friend once said, "Anytime I go somewhere, it's the four of us going... me, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

PRACTICE: How does this expansive, inclusive revelation of the Trinity "**taking up permanent residence**" in believers influence your understanding and practice of:

 The collective, comprehensive, authoritative indwelling of the Trinity?

Your sense of belonging... identity... safety and security... confidence?

Your interdependence and responsibility with others?

If Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are already having a conversation in their inner circle within you, what would be the best posture for you to take as you enter into that conversation? (consider Ecclesiastes 5:1,2)

Your responsibility in bringing the best of yourself for the common good?

What is God saying to you about abiding more deeply?

How will you live differently?