



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“Christianity is the only faith where the almighty God, Creator and Controller of the universe, Provider of eternal life comes and dwells within the believer.”

He Lives in My Heart

*A number of years ago, we attended my Grandmother’s funeral. It was held in an old small church. Following, there was a meal for the family in the church basement. As we fellowshiped with relatives, my two small sons and their cousins disappeared. Later, the youngest came to us, saying that his brother just got yelled at. My oldest relayed, “A lady told me that we should not be running in God’s House. But I told her that God does not live in houses. **He lives in my heart.**”*

My son was correct. God does not live in churches or temples made with bricks and concrete. We do not go and visit with Him on Sundays as we do with someone confined to a nursing home. “Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens. I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, “To The Unknown God.” Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands. Neither is worshipped with men's hands... we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.” Acts 17: 22-29

When we become a believer, God’s Holy Spirit comes and dwells within us. “..the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His” Rom 8:9 God’s Holy Spirit is our comforter, help in the time of need, guide, teacher, protector, strength, and more. He goes where we go. He sees and hears what we see and hear. He knows what we are thinking.

Modern man may no longer bow down to idols but they still have idolized people, teams, TV stars, and musicians. They want the stock market, lottery and banks to make them rich and happy. They believe the government is their savior and will take care of all their needs. They wish on Lady Luck. Some are controlled by the bottle or drugs. If asked, most will say, “We believe in God. He lives in heaven.” A few may even pray or show up at a church looking for Him in an emergency.

Is there something replacing God in your in heart and life? Are you only visiting God at church? Is God living within you? He is knocking at your door. Open your heart and let Him in.



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**Where or what is your God?
What does your heart, life,
talk, desires and trust show?**

“That Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith..” Eph 3:17.



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