

Where is God? Some might answer "in heaven;" others might say, "in nature." Others naturally respond, "God is everywhere." And of course all those answers are true. The Scriptures this week and last week give us another answer. Last week in the Book of Revelation a voice from God's throne announced that "God dwelling is with the human race." And Jesus tells his disciples that God will come to you to make a dwelling place."

Think of it – of all the God places God could be, God chooses to live in us! God could disown us; God could be ashamed of us; God could keep a safe distance; God could ask himself, "What was I thinking?" And yet God chooses to come and make a dwelling place in us!

What does that mean? If God is dwelling in us, then we have the traits of God. Jesus has already told us that; we're reminded of that every time we receive the Eucharist – we have the gift of eternal life. We have that promise from Christ himself – if you eat my Body and drink my Blood you have my life in you!

We have the gift of God's own peace – a peace that is different than how the world gives peace. It is God's peace; a peace that's the foundation of the Trinity's life – total trust and love between the Three Persons of the Trinity. It's a profound peace that means we have no need of fear or anxiety because God is dwelling in us; no other power can harm us.

Finally, we have God's own light. We are lit up by the presence of God dwelling in us. The Book of Revelation describes the new Jerusalem shining from within. There's no Temple in the new Jerusalem because God's dwelling is not in the Temple but the entire city. In Jesus' words, it's the city shining on a hill. We are the City of God' we are the new Temple -- the people of God who are filled with light by the presence of God dwelling in us.

Does your being a dwelling place of the Trinity make a difference in your daily living? Does the knowledge that God has chosen to dwell in you make a difference in how you think about yourself? Does God's light filling you affect how you respond to others? Does God's peace dwelling in you help you with anxieties and worry?

We don't have to wait. We don't have to pray for God to give us light or peace or eternal life – we already have God's life, we already have God's peace; we already have God's light. God is dwelling in us! Let it make all the difference just as God intends.