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*“So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.”*

Ephesians 3:17

### I. The Dependence

- A. “so that” = kata = in order that, on condition that...
- B. This second step is dependent upon the first.
- C. This is important because we are dependent upon God to refuel!

### II. The Design

- A. “your heart” = kardia - Center of your decision making.
  - 1. Your intellect
  - 2. Your emotion
  - 3. Your will
- B. By design your heart has always been the foundation of your life.

### III. The Difference

- A. “Dwell” = Oikeo - to settle down and reside
  - 1. Intensity - more than small talk
  - 2. Continuity - longer than a simple visitation
  - 3. Community - more than just owning - sharing
- B. This is why Christ came. John 1:14
- C. Christ was invited into our hearts at salvation. True - but...
- D. The question remains: Is he visiting or is he LORD?

### IV. The Door

- A. “through faith” - pistis = Trust, assurance, and active belief. (Prov. 3:5,6)
- B. Faith is distrust in self and desire to believe and act.
- C. Robert Munger *“My Heart, Christ’s Home”*