



Ephesians 3:17 "So that Christ *may dwell* in your hearts through faith. . ."
The word selected (*katakoikein*). . . is a word made expressly to denote residence as against lodging, the abode of a master within his own home as against the turning aside for a night of the wayfarer who will be gone tomorrow. Again, it is the residence always in the heart of its Master and Lord, who where he dwells must rule; who enters not to cheer and soothe alone but before all things else to reign. Thus Paul prays to the Father that Christ by his Spirit will be allowed to settle down in their hearts, and from his throne there both control and strengthen them. John Stott, *The Message of Ephesians*, 135.