

Experiencing Peace Because Of His Presence

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All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). **Matthew 1:22-23**

How has God's presence been "with" his people through the ages?

1. In The Old Testament—Came Upon

As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came toward him shouting. The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands. **Judges 15:14**

2. In The Gospels—Was With

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you... **John 14:16-17**

3. Since Pentecost—Resides In

But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. **John 14:17-20**

Main Idea: You can be at peace when you know that God is with you through the indwelling presence of His Spirit.

What are the benefits of the presence of God being with me everyday?

I. He Shows Me The Truth

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. **John 16:13** (See also John 16:7-8)

II. He Gives Me New Life And Guarantees My Salvation

...he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,... **Titus 3:5**

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. **Ephesians 1:13-14**

III. He Empowers Me To Change To Be Like Jesus

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **Galatians 5:16**

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,... **Ephesians 5:18**