

## The Presence of God

**Psalm 16:11** NKJV <sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life—in your presence is fullness of joy—at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Psalm 105:4** NKJV <sup>4</sup> Seek the Lord and His strength—seek His face evermore

The Bible tells us time and time again to seek the Lord and know His presence, but we must be careful that we are seeking Him and not chasing a feeling.

I like to call this the goosebump Christian. You know the one that if they don't have goosebumps or a tingle on their spine, they don't -key word here- FEEL the presence of God.

There is not one Christian in here today that knows what it feels like without the presence of God.

He is always there. We would be lost, sad, depressed, hurt, scared and in misery if we didn't have the presence of God.

For what is God? The Bible says in **John 4:24** NKJV <sup>24</sup> God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

The Bible tells us God is truth. So without the presence of God there would be no truth.

The Bible tells us that God is love. So without the presence of God there would be no love.

The Bible tells us that God is the peace that surpasses all understanding. So without the presence of God there would be no peace.

Christians have not lived 1 day in our lives outside the presence of God.

Yet some of us continue to only associate the presence of God with what we feel on our arm or the tingle down our spines.

Sometimes the Lord is just hanging out waiting on you to call on Him

**Psalm 145:18** NKJV <sup>18</sup> The Lord *is* near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

**Jeremiah 29:13** NKJV <sup>13</sup> And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart.

In these passages it wasn't that the presence of the Lord wasn't there, He just wanted to be sought and called upon.

**Acts 17:27** NKJV <sup>27</sup> so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

He is always by your side not far away and willing to listen to your request

**Revelation 3:20** NKJV <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

If you are a Christian sitting here today God has taken up residence in your heart

**Romans 8:9** NKJV <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

We have as Christians the promise of God's constant presence, even when we don't feel it

**Matthew 28:20** NKJV <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." [a]Amen.

**John 14:16** NKJV <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another [a]Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

God and His presence is always with you—He will never leave you nor forsake you

Now that we have established that we are always in the presence of God, how do we maintain this understanding on a daily bases?

1 We have to recognize God as being intimately present within us.

We can speak directly to Him every time we need to ask for help or to know His will in moments of uncertainty and to do whatever it is that He wants us to do in a way that pleases Him

2 By dwelling in the presence of God you will find yourself wanting or needing to do the things that He wants you to do.

**Colossians 3:23-24** NKJV <sup>23</sup> And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for [a] you serve the Lord Christ.

3 Set aside time in your day to pray. Prayer and worship are always good times to experience the presence of God

4 Take steps to identify and remove sinful things that you may be doing in your life. God will not be apart of sin. You must seek to remove any and all that comes against God's Word.

5 Be grateful to God—**Psalms 100:4** NKJV <sup>4</sup> Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.

6 Read God's Word with the purpose of knowing Him. Don't read it because you just think it's the right thing to do. The Word is the way that God has revealed Himself to us. The Word tells you who He is what He likes what He doesn't like what is acceptable to Him what is unacceptable to Him. He reveals it all in the Word.

7 We need to learn to be joyful in all circumstances—

**James 1:2-4** NKJV <sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces [a]patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be [b]perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

**Luke 17:5** NKJV <sup>5</sup> And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”

8 Offer God your praises even if they come through tears **Psalm 22:3** NKJV <sup>3</sup> But You *are* holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

Remember there is not one good thing that you have in your life that did not come from God

9 Remove the idols of your heart and give Jesus His rightful place--**John 5:21** NKJV <sup>21</sup> For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

10 Surrender all areas of your life to His perfect will—**Jeremiah 10:23** NKJV <sup>23</sup> O Lord, I know the way of man *is* not in himself; *It is* not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

I could just keep going on and on with examples but I am praying you got the point  
My prayer today is that you are fully aware that the presence of God is all around you  
That love for you is unending

That His want and willingness to help you never goes away

That He see's you as the apple of His eye and He doesn't want to be out of your presence

That He is truth and wants you to know and live in truth

That He is love and He wants you to know and live in love

That He is peace and He wants you to know and live in peace

We wrap this up today I have one more scripture that I pray you will hear and meditate on **Psalm 25:5-9** NKJV <sup>5</sup> Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You *are* the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. <sup>6</sup> Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses, For they *are* from of old. <sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O Lord. <sup>8</sup> Good and upright *is* the Lord; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup> The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.

The Lord is always willing to teach—He is always willing to love—and He is always willing to be present.