

His Name is Emmanuel

(God With Us)

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Emmanuel.

Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us.

The Birth of Jesus the Messiah - Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus,^[i] for he will save his people from their sins.

²² All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:

²³ "Look! The virgin will conceive a child!

She will give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel,^[i]
which means 'God is with us.'"

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission ¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! ¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,^[b] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Romans 6:23 tells us Jesus was a gift of God

Question - In your daily walk, do you know God is with you? Yes he is! The LORD is there. Jehovah Shammah
God's promise to never leave or forsake us in Hebrews 13:5.
This is a great source of comfort for every believer. He lives within us through the indwelling Holy Spirit and remains active and present in our daily lives.

There are many benefits of God being with us:

Benefit #1 - We can be merry: feeling or showing joy and happiness.

Power Point: God wants us to enjoy life.

We can have a Merry Christmas.

Ecclesiastes 8:15 NLT ¹⁵ So I recommend having fun, because there is nothing better for people in this world than to eat, drink, and enjoy life. That way they will experience some happiness along with all the hard work God gives them under the sun. (KJV says eat drink and be merry)

Ephesians 5:18 ¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, (Food for thought: sometimes we have to change the places we go and the people we are around)

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.
God wants us to experience His joy and enjoy life.

Jesus said in John 15:9-11 ⁹ "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Benefit #2 We are not alone

Hebrews 13:5 NKJV *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

John 14:16 NKJV Jesus said:

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever

1 John 4:4 Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. We are not alone.

We are not alone in the spirit realm and we are not alone in the natural realm. God instituted the church.

Hebrews 10:25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Benefit #3 We do not have to be afraid or walk in fear

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

The birth of Jesus is the Christmas story and all throughout this story we hear the words do not be afraid.

Luke 1:28-30 NLT ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, “Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!”

²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God!”

Matthew 1:20 NLT ²⁰ As he (Joseph) considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife.

Luke 2:8-10 NIV ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Jesus said in John 14:27 NLT ²⁷ “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.

Benefit #4 We are strengthen

2 Corinthians 12:10 TPT ¹⁰ So I’m *not defeated* by my weakness, but delighted! For when I feel my weakness and endure mistreatment—

when I'm surrounded with troubles on every side and face persecution *because of my love* for Christ—I am made yet stronger. For my weakness becomes a portal to God's power.

Philippians 4:13 NKJV ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Nehemiah says for the joy of the LORD is your strength!"

2 Thessalonians 3:3 NIV But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

Benefit #5 We are Protected

Power Point: We have authority to use the Armor of God.

Ephesians 6:11 TPT Put on God's complete set of armor^[1] provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser!

We can pray Psalms 91 over our families (Make it personal)

I dwell in the secret place of the Most High

I abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of the LORD, "*He is my refuge and my fortress;*

My God, in Him I will trust."

³ Surely He shall deliver me from the snare of the fowler *And* from the perilous pestilence.

⁴ He shall cover me with His feathers,

And under His wings I shall take refuge;

His truth *shall be my* shield and buckler.

Benefit #6 We know we are loved

When love is a fact, love is an act.

Romans 5:8 NIV God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 3:1 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!

Romans 8:35, 37 NLT ³⁵ Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

1 John 4:19 NKJV We love Him because he first loved us.

