



“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**”
(which means “God with us”).
Matthew 1:23 NIV

Three “Presents” of God

1. His Omnipresence

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! Psalm 139:7-8 ESV

2. His Revealed Presence

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1NIV

And they heard the sound of the **LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day**, and the man and his wife **hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** among the trees of the garden.
Genesis 3:8 ESV

3. His Indwelling Presence

“**If you love me, keep my commands**. ¹⁶ 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 and will be in you**. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
John 14:15-18 NIV

Peter replied, “**Repent and be baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive **the gift of the Holy Spirit**. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Acts 2:38-39 NIV

Three Responses to God’s Presence

1. Entering His Presence

We have confidence to **enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus**, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.
Hebrews 10:19-22 NIV

2. Leaving His Presence

[Adam and Eve] **hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8 ESV

Jonah rose to **flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord**. He went... **away from the presence of the Lord**. Jonah 1:3 NIV

3. Abiding in His Presence

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; **his mercies never come to an end**; ²³ **they are new every morning**; great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV

Abide in me, as I also abide in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must abide in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in me. ⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing...

¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.
John 15:4-5,10-11 CAT

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth! ² **Worship** the Lord with gladness! **Come into His presence with singing!** ³ Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴ Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

⁵ For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100 CAT