

Divine Presence

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We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Romans 8:22

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:23

God designed us to long for
His presence, and He wants
us to be present with Him.



Our heart is restless until it finds its rest in You.

Augustine

Once we abandon a heartfelt conviction that God does truly care for us and is intimately involved with us, once we abandon His perspective for our own, then suddenly decisions which are utterly foolish viewed from His perspective become intelligent and wise. When we cannot trust God, it suddenly makes good sense to trust our worst enemy.

John Oswalt

To the extent that we are dependent upon God, His presence results in blessing; but to the extent that we refuse to depend on Him, His presence is an embarrassment and a curse.

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Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and will call Him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

God rescues us from our
separation from Him by
becoming like us in Jesus Christ.



“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Matthew 1:23

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.*

John 1:1

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

No one has ever seen God, but the One and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made Him known.

John 1:18

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage;

Philippians 2:6

Rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2:7

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:8

The incarnation is “the act whereby the eternal Son of God, the second Person of the Holy Trinity, without ceasing to be what He is — God the Son — took into union with himself what He, before that act, did not possess — a human nature — and so [He] was and continues to be God and man in two distinct natures and One Person, forever.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism

It is by far the most amazing miracle of the entire Bible — far more amazing than the resurrection and more amazing even than the creation of the universe. The fact that the infinite, omnipotent, eternal Son of God could become man and join himself to a human nature forever...will remain for eternity the most profound miracle and the most profound mystery in all the universe.

Wayne Grudem

In the Incarnation, God's Son deliberately handicapped himself.

Philip Yancey

The ultimate meeting place with God is no longer in a building but in a Person. We ought to be looking for the place where the solution can be found; look for flesh and blood, not for brick and mortar.

Zac Hess

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.”

Revelation 21:3

Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb...

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!

Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel...

Hark, The Herald Angels Sing (Charles Wesley)

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

John 14:8

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’”

John 14:9

“...I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched — this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

1 John 1:1

The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

1 John 1:2

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:3

If we doubt God, or find Him incomprehensible, unknowable, the very best cure is to gaze steadily at Jesus, the “Rosetta Stone” of faith.

Philip Yancey

**The incarnation of Jesus Christ
enables us to be in life-giving
relationship with God.**

