# What Does it mean; God With Us?

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Vision for Year: GOD WITH US!

Sing the song "Emmanuel"

The Gospel of Jesus is simply:

1. Removal of SIN
2. Reception of the SPIRIT
3. Renewal of PURPOSE

(Recap on the first two points - of previous message)

Renewal of PURPOSE in one way is an automatic result of living without sin and being filled and led by His Spirit. His purpose COLLIDES with us as we do this. But His word reveals to us the steps and processes and keys to realising this. In principal it is the transition of us being without God to God being WITH US - EMANUEL.

Prior to Jesus, man was separated from God

Jesus came to unite us back to God - Isaiah says :

1. Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel**. (Isaiah 7:14 ASV)
2. Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name **Immanuel**; (Matthew 1:22, 23 ASV)

Jesus had other names - meaning ' by what He is know by or what his great characteristic is 'Jesus' was his earthly name given by his earthly parents

1. And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21 ASV)
2. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6 ASV)

Jesus came to reconnect us to God - God with us - opened heaven for us, that we might bring down heaven to earth , that we might live under an open heaven, releasing heaven to our lives.

And being asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God cometh, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, There! for lo, **the kingdom of God is within you**. (Luke 17:20, 21 ASV)

What does it mean God with us?

## Read John 1:1-1`4

It was said of Jesus

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came unto him by night, and said to him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that thou doest, except **God be with him**. (John 3:1, 2 ASV)

If God Is with us.....

"*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He alos justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things?* ***If God is for us, who can be against us****?"* Romans 8:28-31

The most superior position a human can ascend to in this life is GOD WITH US!

God is:

* **The creator of heaven and earth and everything in them!**
* **The God of the whole earth!**
* **Almighty, omnipresent and omniscient !**
* **Love, light, spirit, justice, holiness, righteousness, unchanging**
* **Eternal wisdom and purpose toward us**

Getting an Idea of the Magnitude of God

# The Magnitude of God in the Heavens

### Psalm 8

* ***LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!***

### Psalm 19:1-6

* ***The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.***

## Our Own Solar System

The solar system consists of the [Sun](http://nineplanets.org/sol.html); the eight official planets, at least three "dwarf planets", more than 130 satellites of the planets, a large number of [small bodies](http://nineplanets.org/smallbodies.html) (the comets and asteroids), and the interplanetary medium. (There are probably also many more planetary satellites that have not yet been discovered.)

The **inner** solar system contains the [**Sun**](http://nineplanets.org/sol.html)**,** [**Mercury**](http://nineplanets.org/mercury.html)**,** [**Venus**](http://nineplanets.org/venus.html)**,** [**Earth**](http://nineplanets.org/earth.html) **and** [**Mars**](http://nineplanets.org/mars.html)**:**

The outer solar system contains: **Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune Pluto**

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The first thing to notice is that the solar system is mostly empty space. The planets are very small compared to the space between them. Even the dots on the diagrams above are too big to be in proper scale with respect to the sizes of the orbits.

The **orbits** of the planets are [ellipses](http://nineplanets.org/help.html#ellipse) with the [Sun](http://nineplanets.org/sol.html) at one focus, though all except Mercury are very nearly circular. The orbits of the planets are all more or less in the same plane (called the **ecliptic** and defined by the plane of the Earth's orbit). The ecliptic is inclined only 7 degrees from the plane of the Sun's equator. The above diagrams show the relative sizes of the orbits of the eight planets (plus Pluto) from a perspective somewhat above the ecliptic (hence their non-circular appearance). They all orbit in the same direction (counter-clockwise looking down from above the Sun's north pole); all but Venus, Uranus and Pluto also rotate in that same sense.

### Sizes of the Planets

One way to help visualize the relative sizes in the solar system is to imagine a model in which everything is reduced in size by a factor of a billion. Then the model Earth would be about 1.3 cm in diameter (the size of a grape). The Moon would be about 30 cm (about a foot) from the Earth. The Sun would be 1.5 meters in diameter (about the height of a man) and 150 meters (about a city block) from the Earth. Jupiter would be 15 cm in diameter (the size of a large grapefruit) and 5 blocks away from the Sun. Saturn (the size of an orange) would be 10 blocks away; Uranus and Neptune (lemons) 20 and 30 blocks away. A human on this scale would be the size of an atom

## Other Galaxies

The nearest star ([Alpha Centauri](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alpha_Centauri)) to our sun is 4.3 light years away

That’s: 4.3 X 60 X 60 X 24 X 365 X 300,000 = **40,681,440,000,000 kilometers away!**

* A typical spiral galaxy in the constellation Coma Bereneces is about 55,000 light years in diameter and approximately 60 million light-years away from Earth. (see slide)

# All things were made by Him!

# GOD” is.....

**The creator of heaven and earth and everything in them (Gen.1)**

**The God of the whole earth (Is. 54:5)**

**Almighty, omnipresent and omniscient**

**Love, light, spirit, justice, holiness, righteousness, unchanging**

**Eternal wisdom and purpose toward us (Eph. 3:11)**

If God Is with us.....

1. His resources are ours
2. We need to become one with Him
3. His will needs to replace ours
4. We need to let Him heal us, lead us and teach us His ways
5. His nature needs to replace ours
6. We should honour Him in all our ways
7. We will come to the full stature of manhood/womanhood ( that God promised Adam) - every curse is broken through Christ
8. We will have power over the enemy
9. We will accomplish great things (John 3:2)
10. We will be a great testament to His glory,

## Men whom the LORD was with:

* Abraham – Gen 21:22 *And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest*:
* Joseph - Gen 39:3 *And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. PROSPERITY*
* Joseph = Gen 39:21-23 *But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.* **ELEVATED** Act 7:9 *And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him...* **PROTECTED**
* Samuel - 1Sam. 3:17-19 *And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee. And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good. And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.* **GODLY COUNTENANCE**
* David – 1 Sam. 18:12 *And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.* **FAVOUR AND SUCCESS**
* David – 1 Sam. 18:14 *And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him.* **WISDOM**
* Solomon *-*  **2 Chron. 1:1** *And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly*
* Hezekiah – 2 Kings 18:5-7 *He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. And the LORD was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not*. **TENACIOUS FAITH**
* Phinehas – **1 Chron. 9:20** *And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past, and the LORD was with him.* **GODLY AUTHORITY AND LEADERSHIP**
* Asa – 2 Chron. 15:2 and 9 *And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you.... And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.* **GODLY AUTHORITY**
* John the Baptist - **Luke 1:66** *And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him.*
* Jesus - John 3:2 *The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.* Acts 10:38 *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.* **DIVINE POWER**
* Jesus’ disciples - Mat 28:18-20 *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo,* ***I am with you alway****, even unto the end of the world. Amen*

## God is not only WITH US but FOR US!

*What then shall we say to these things?* ***If God is for us, who can be against us****?"* Romans 8:28-31

### As long as you know God is for you, it doesn’t matter who is against you!

**Jesus came as IMMANUEL – GOD WITH US**

**It was never God’s intention for mankind to be WITHOUT GOD**

**Sin has separated us from God – but Jesus removes sin and reconnects us back to God**

**Having GOD WITH YOU is the MOST SUPERIOR POSITION a human can be in!**

### My Personal Testimony:

* **Age 18 - Coming to Christ /experiencing the Holy Spirit /serving God with boldness**
* **(Pastor Joseph Griffiths – my spiritual father and mentor – now with the Lord)**

### How can you come into this position – IMMANUEL – GOD WITH US?

1. **Realise Jesus Christ is God’s provision for you**
2. **Renounce and forsake sin**
3. **Receive Him as Saviour and Lord**