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THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The Presence of God in the Earth and the Duty of the Church in the Earth

Ephesians 2:21-22 (NKJV):

“in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

A Movement from Distance to Nearness

Throughout the Bible, there is a clear and profound progression in the revelation of God’s presence. It does not appear all at once; it draws nearer over time, moving from what seems distant and external to something deeply personal and intimate.

In Exodus 25:8, God explicitly states His desire to dwell among His people, commanding them to build a sanctuary. This sacred space is designed for divine encounter, allowing access while maintaining utmost reverence.

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When we reach 1 Kings 8:10–11, during the dedication of Solomon’s temple, God's presence becomes undeniably powerful, filling the temple with glory and halting all human activity. This moment is transformative, yet God's presence remains external, among the people but not yet within them. This unfolding narrative clearly indicates God's longing for a deeper connection with humanity.

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The Indwelling Presence of the Spirit

In Acts 2:1–4, “they were all filled with the Holy Spirit,” indicating that God's presence is now within believers. Romans 8:9 highlights that “the Spirit of God dwells in you,” which marks true belonging to Christ. Ephesians 2:19–22 describes believers as a collective dwelling place for God, emphasizing that faith is lived out through the Spirit's work.

Today, God's presence permeates our daily lives, manifesting through our actions and relationships. The Holy Spirit guides and corrects believers to align with God's will, supported by Jesus' intercession. Ultimately, God reveals Himself through a community embodying His character, showcasing love, grace, and truth while guiding others toward divine experiences.

The Duty and Work of the Church in the Earth

A Life That Reflects His Presence. This is the duty and work of the church flow directly from this reality. Ephesians 4:1–3 urges believers “to walk worthy of the calling...with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love.” This is not abstract spirituality. It is lived out in relationships. In how patience is practiced when it is inconvenient. In how humility is chosen when pride would be easier. In how unity is preserved when division feels justified. Jesus makes it even clearer in John 13:34–35: “that you love one another; as I have loved you...by this all will know that you are My disciples.” Love becomes the evidence of God's presence. Not words. Not claims. Love that is visible, sacrificial, consistent.

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And in John 17:20–23, Jesus prays “that they all may be one...that the world may believe.” Unity, then, is not merely internal harmony. It is a witness. It reveals something of God to those watching.

Holiness and Transformation in Daily Life

Yet the presence of God within not only shapes relationships, but it also shapes conduct. 1 Peter 1:15–16 states plainly: “be holy in all your conduct...‘Be holy, for I am holy.’” Holiness is not withdrawal. It is alignment. It is living in a way that reflects God’s character, even in ordinary spaces. Romans 12:1–2 calls believers to “present your bodies a living sacrifice...be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” This is ongoing. Not a single moment, but a continual reshaping from within. Philippians 2:15 then describes believers as those who “shine as lights in the world.” That light is not manufactured. It is the result of a life formed differently, steadily, often quietly.

Influence Through Presence: Salt and Light

Jesus declares in Matthew 5:13–16: “You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world...let your light so shine before men.” Salt preserves. Light reveals.

Both function by presence, as salt works from within and light reveals without striving. So too, the church carries influence not by force, but through a life that reflects God. Salt resists decay through truth and consistency. Light makes God visible through lives aligned with Him. “Let your light so shine...that they may see your good works and glorify your Father.”

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The aim is not recognition, but revelation. The church does not withdraw but engages faithfully. Yet salt can lose its strength, and light can be hidden; compromise weakens influence, and so, the issue is not position but living. Therefore, when God's presence is carried with integrity, influence becomes evident, quietly and consistently.

That is the nature of salt, and that is the nature of light, and with it being the influence the church is called to carry in the earth.

Proclaiming the Gospel and Making Disciples

The outward call to action is clear. Mark 16:15 states, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This instruction is broad in scope. Matthew 28:19–20 emphasizes not just reaching people but making disciples and teaching them to observe Christ's commands. The gospel is powerful, as noted in Romans 1:16, and the church's role is to faithfully declare this message. Growth within the church is intentional, as Ephesians 4:11–13 describes leaders equipping the saints for unity and maturity in Christ. 2 Timothy 4:2 reminds us to "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season," highlighting that truth remains consistent.

Compassion, Justice, and Living Faith

Yet if the church speaks but does not act, something is lost. In Matthew 25:35–40, Jesus says: "I was hungry, and you gave Me food...Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to Me." This reframes compassion entirely. Serving others becomes serving Christ Himself. It

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is no longer optional. It is central.

Micah 6:8 echoes this: “to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” This has always been God’s expectation. Not performance, but posture.

James 1:27 adds clarity: “to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” Faith is both outward and inward. Compassion and integrity held together.

Prayer, Alignment, and the Call to Live It

Prayer is essential, as emphasized in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, urging us to “pray without ceasing.” This reflects a constant connection with God, and 1 Timothy 2:1-2 highlights the importance of intercessory prayer, especially for those in authority. The church engages the world not only through action but also prayer, aligning with God’s will. The presence of God within us is visible in our love, holiness, and integrity. We are called to share the gospel, disciple others, serve compassionately, and stay grounded in truth.

Colossians 1:27 states, “Christ in you, the hope of glory,” reinforcing the idea that God’s work is active and present within us. We carry His message not through striving for perfection but by walking in faithfulness. 2 Corinthians 4:7 reminds us that we hold this treasure in our flawed humanity, revealing God’s excellence. Furthermore, Colossians 1:29 emphasizes that this work is sustained by God’s power, not our own efforts.

The call is to faithful surrender, as expressed in Galatians 2:20, where “Christ lives in me.” Through this alignment, His presence becomes evident in our everyday lives, showing His glory to the world.

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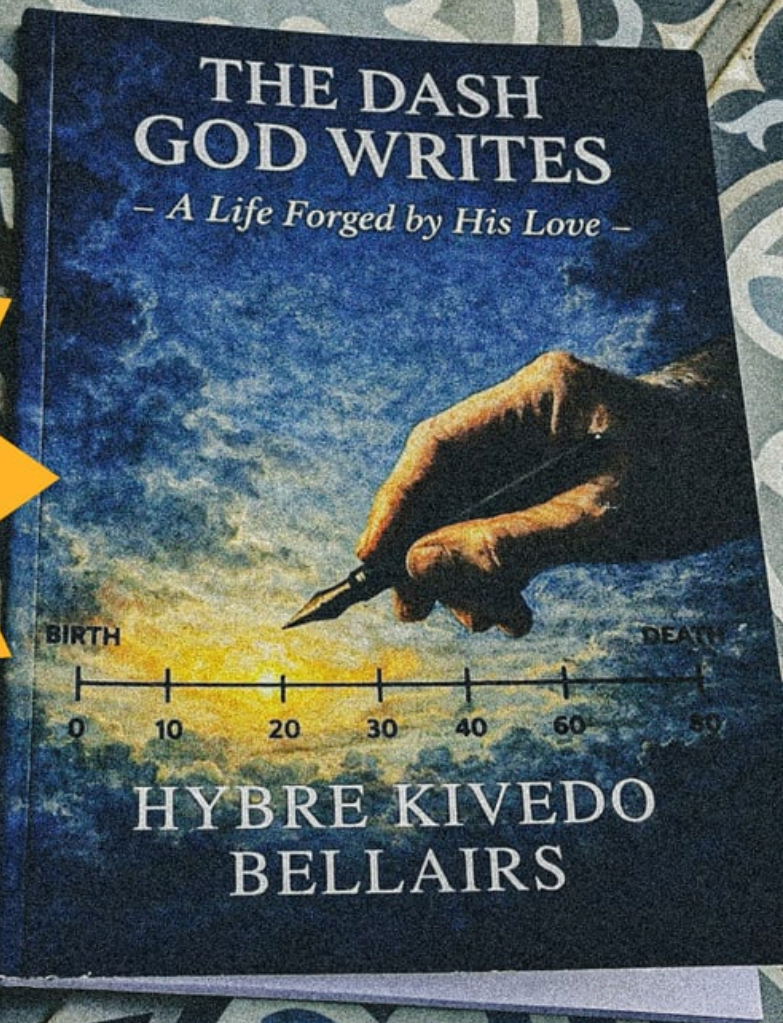


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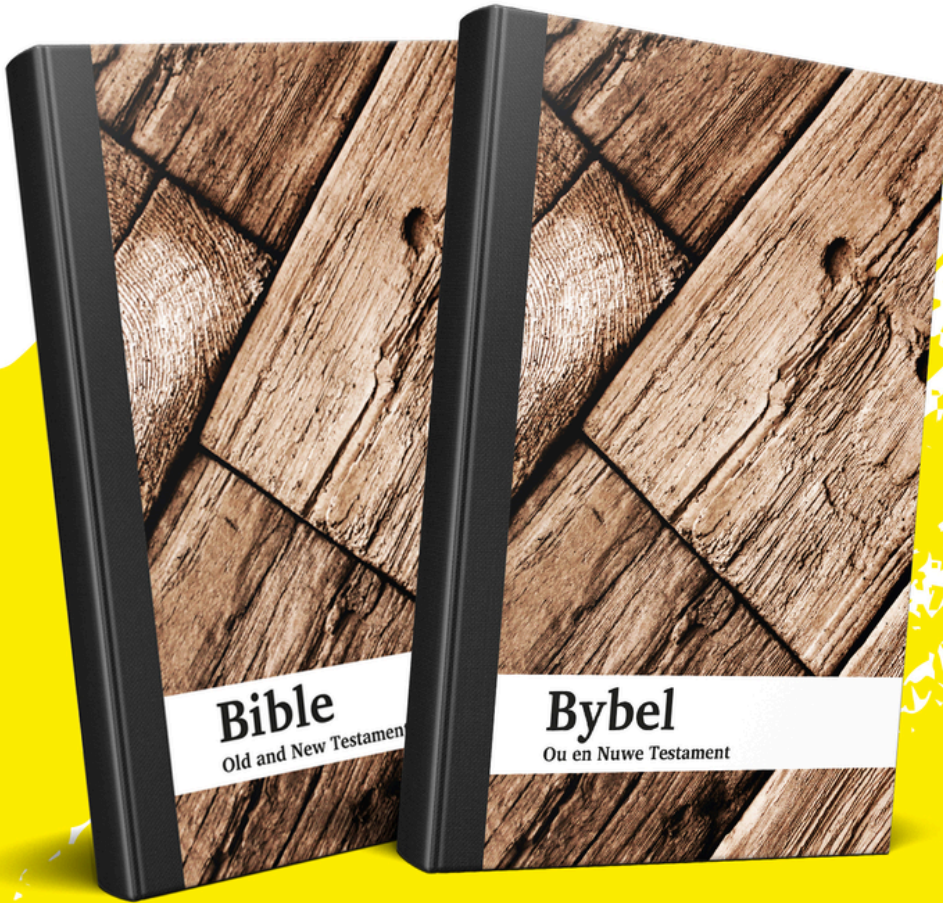
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HAVE YOU ACCEPTED JESUS
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Romans 3:23 ESV

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

The abovementioned verse is an extremely well used verse and many people know it and can even quote it off by heart, but the significance of it is the reality that every single person needs to contemplate.

If you have not accepted Jesus as your Personal Saviour yet or are thinking about it, you have to start here. The reality of your sin problem cancels and disqualifies you from the very presence of God and this bars you from eternal Life. Your choices are simple here, either an eternity with God or an Eternity without God. I would think that the logical answer would be an Eternity with God. Why? Well let's look at this:

2 Thessalonians 1:9

"They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might"

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This is the reality of a choice that omits Jesus as your Personal Saviour -

- = **Everlasting Punishment**
- = **Destruction**
- = **Shut Out**
- = **No Godly Presence**
- = **And no Glory at all**

This is not something to take lightly and by the way this is not scaring you into making a false decision, God is love, thus we as His followers are love, this means if I say I have the love of God, it is my duty to tell you the truth and point you into the right direction.

So in looking at the sin problem and the reality of this, what is the answer then? Let's look at this:

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

NASB

What a wonderful solution to an immense problem, God has made a way and in making the way He has also made it very clear that this is the only answer to the problem. You have to accept Jesus His Son in order to obtain Eternal Life and ward off all the destruction and other bad things spoken about in the previous Bible verse.

It also makes it very clear that this can only be done through JESUS CHRIST His Son, there is no other way to salvation or Eternal life other than through Jesus, NONE!

Let's look at this too:

John 1:12-13

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

NASB

Wow! Just look at this, not only do we get Eternal Life but we become Children of God. The impact of this is massive as it speaks to the fact that we now belong to the family of God and receive the benefits of being part of a family, and not just any family but a royal family (1 Peter 2 vs 9).

So in looking and understanding all of this, How do you accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour?

Romans 10 vs 9-10

"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

NASB

Let me just make one point very clear before we look at the above verses, your salvation cannot be obtained by good works, you cannot go to Heaven or be part of God's family because you are a good person, or you do good deeds, No! The Bible makes it clear, if you want to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour then it gets done on the basis of two things. These two things are critical because it will also help you on your work with the Lord and attain righteousness and a life pleasing to God.

Firstly, you have to confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord, this is very important because by your confession God will know and people in the world will know. This is significant because one does not hide a light under a bowl. Everyone must see and hear that you are a child of God.

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And secondly you must believe in your heart, with your whole being and understanding that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive and is your only Saviour.

So if you have read all of this and the Holy Spirit is directing you to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour please pray the prayer on the next page, God loves you so much.



ACCEPTING JESUS IS EVERYTHING!

PRAYER FOR SALVATION

Dear Lord Jesus,

I understand that I am a sinner and in need of desperate saving, The Bible tells me clearly that the only answer is for me to confess with my mouth and believe in my heart. I am now confessing with my mouth that I am accepting You as my Personal Saviour and believing in my heart that you are alive and well and dwelling within me. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of other Believers and allow me please to follow in your footsteps. Amen!

Wow! Congratulations if you have just prayed this prayer, and know that you are now part of the family of the Kingdom of God. Please tell someone about your decision, pray all the time and read and study your Bible. Find a Holy Ghost, Bible preaching church and join.

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