

God's Presence in Us

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Intro

This is the last section on, Why is the Tabernacle so important? Last week we discussed the Presence of God in Christ and discovered Jesus is the light to and He lights up the path to God. Today we will talk about God's Presence in Us and how we fit in this equation.

I. Know what you are

Verse 16: 6 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said, "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God and they will be my people."

We are the house of God, we are the temple, we are a body the houses the spirit of God. We are the vessels filled with God's spirit that goes out into the world and subdues the earth (**Genesis 1:28**). We join in on God's work and our bodies are vehicles that God uses to carry out His work.

People worry about prayer not being in school, don't worry the church is there. Some worry about the sick in the hospital, don't worry the church is already there. Most worry about the lost in the streets and people that can't find their way, don't worry the church is on the move. You never know how or when God is using you, but He is using you. How do we know?

Ephesians 2:10 (confirmation)

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. We are the hands and feet of God. We pray, we heal, we love, we give, and we work. Most of all God is with us through every step of the way. If we are tied down by sin then we could not be joined to God, but because of Christ, we have been made right with God.

Don't worry about what God wants you to do, just start with the basics, and be the best you, you can be. If you a dad, then be the best dad you can be. Are you a wife or a daughter, we be the most Godliest wife and daughter you can be. Do you work for someone and handle their business, well be the best helper you can be, and eventually God will promote you to a higher level of management. You are the temple who is employed by God and there is plenty of work to do.

II. Know God is in you

*Ezekiel 36:26-27 **26** And I will give you a new heart—I will give you new and right desires—and put a new spirit within you. I will take out your stony hearts of sin and give you new hearts of love.[a] **27** And I will put my Spirit within you so that you will obey my laws and do whatever I command.*

God doesn't hide or play games. He is very near and can be found anytime you need Him. Why because the Holy Spirit lives in you. The Holy Spirit is available to all because of the forgiveness of God, through Christ. The Holy Spirit was given to all as a free gift from God, a piece of God to live in you. Now, guidance, love, joy, gentleness, self-control is already in us, we just have to use it (**Galatians 5:22-23**).

There are things that drive us crazy because we don't understand the process of how each situation of our lives makes us a better person, but God does.

He has already equipped us with the joy, patience, and peace we need to make it through the day, we just need to use it,

I had a car that I worked on that was supposed to only take 1 day for me to fix, but ended up taking 3 weeks. That bugged and bothered me for two reasons because of my friendship with the owner and my record for fixing cars (out of my whole career there has been only 1 car I couldn't fix).

After a while, I noticed I was getting snappy, stomach hurting, and becoming very unfocused. So, I spoke to the owner about the situation, we prayed and the next morning a peace came over me that allowed me to backtrack, replace a part, and fix the vehicle. If that I would not have allowed the peace I already had to take control, then that frustration could have spilled over into other areas of my life and made a big mess. Know that God is in you and He is with you every step of the way!

III. Know your calling

2 Corinthians 6: *Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." [c]18 And "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."*

We are representatives of God, made in His image to reflect the characteristics of our creator. When people see us they see our God. Therefore watch who you spend the bulk of your time with because as time passed, you might reflect the image of them. Keep a close connection to God.

God wants us to help people, but I also learned that there is a time to leave people alone and leave them to God. Sometimes God will allow people to hit rock bottom so he can pick them up and there are people that need

immediate help to be pulled out of the dark. We want to help but we don't want to become transformed by their influence or their situation, so you got to be strong.

I have read two articles about two women's ministries (one in Atlantic City and the other in Wichita Falls), that actually go into strip clubs, giving the workers free gifts, counseling, and saving these women from a dark place. Some are there because they are lost, dropouts, or on their own with kids and didn't have anyone to turn to.

The two ministries are called: Talitha Cumi (little girl arises) and the other is Love's Way Out. These women ministries are going into dark places and pulling our daughters out of unclean places. The church is on the move and can go anywhere with the power of God and change a horrible situation to good. You may come across some unclean people, but make sure you are their way to God and not on your way into darkness. We as God's children with the power of God in us can not allow darkness to take us over.

Closer Look:

We have talked about the presence of God in the Tabernacle, the presence of God in Christ, and the presence of God in us. As we look closer we see the trinity, God

the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. His Holy Spirit (presence) allows all this to be possible. God's spirit is in the Father, it's in the Son, it's, and it is in us. The Holy Spirit is apart of God and has been shared with us, this was only possible because Jesus died on the cross and provided a way for our sins to be forgiven for a period of time, until Christ return. God is connected to us forever, even if we don't want Him, He is with us every step of the way. He was with Jesus every step of the way to the cross and He will never leave you lonely, no matter what the situation.

Close:

Why is the tabernacle so important? The answer is this, the tabernacle (tent, Christ, our bodies) is where we have an eternal relationship with God. We can have this relationship at home, at work, at church, or even when you are in your car. God made the tabernacle progressive, meaning it developed in stages. At one time it was a place where we went out to seek Him, but now the tabernacle in on the move seeking people, the lost, and the saved, so we can have an eternal relationship with God. All you have to do is accept Jesus Christ as your saviour and believe He died on the cross for our sins. If that is difficult, then ask God to help your unbelief and watch your life change. John 3:16 says, for God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that who shall believe this shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Invitation to accept God

Prayer/ Lords Prayer