

Immanuel

(God With Us)

First time used in the Bible: Isaiah 7, verse 14:

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

INFORMATION

The name Immanuel, revealed in the Bible, is a name specifically given to Jesus Christ. God has always been with mankind and his creation. Prior to Jesus, God communicated with people through his prophets, through dreams and through rare and direct interventions. When Christ was born, God truly was with us in the flesh. Jesus was God. In the form of man, Jesus walked where people walked, spoke one-on-one with people, felt the same things we felt, and suffered just like us. Immanuel is a name that denotes the loving nature of God in a way that is, both, personal and intimate. Because He cares so much about us, He is not far away. In fact, He lives within us. While Jesus, long ago, ascended into heaven, he has left his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to be with us, to live in us, to be our guide.

WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY

We are never alone. God has not abandoned His people; He has not abandoned our family. God is close by to hear our prayers and to be affected by them. His Spirit lives inside us, and we should not be afraid to express to God what we are feeling and how the world is affecting us. We should also strive to serve God openly and to enjoy serving him as if he were standing right next to us, because he is. If God is the Almighty, Omnipotent God that we know he is, what should we be afraid of? Nothing.

Relevant Passages

2 Chronicles 6:18

But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!

Matthew 1:23

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

2 Corinthians 6:16

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Ephesians 2:19-22

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

1 John 4:12

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Revelation 21:3

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.