

THE MEANING OF IMMANUEL

Matthew 1:18-25 Jeff Schreve

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." Matthew 1:22-23

What does the name Immanuel really mean for us?

1. Immanuel means God has addressed our greatest fear.

A. God is with us in the person of Jesus.

*For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form.
Colossians 2:9*

*"... and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:20*

B. God is with us in the most difficult times of life.

Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT SHALL MAN DO TO ME?" Hebrews 13:5-6

2. Immanuel means God has addressed our greatest need.

*... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23
For the wages of sin is death ... Romans 6:23*

A. God is with us to die for us.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

B. God is with us to save us from our sins.

"And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

3. Immanuel means God has addressed our greatest blessing.

And the secret is that Christ is in you, which means that you will share in the glory of God. Colossians 1:27 GNB

A. Every Christian has the Holy Spirit living within.

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

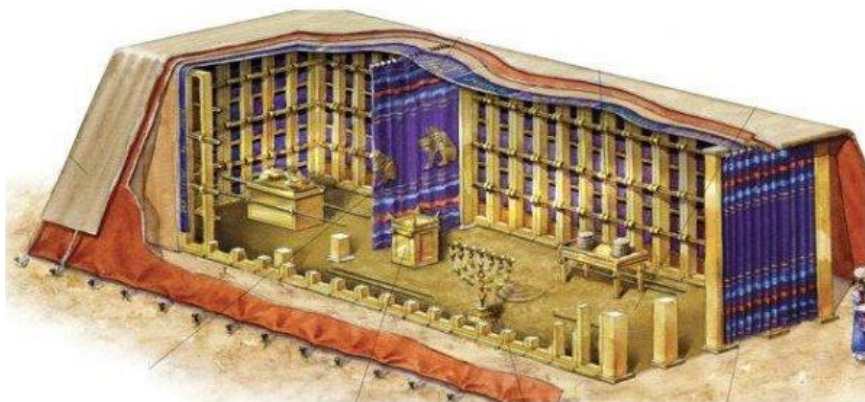
Ephesians 1:13-14

B. Every Christian becomes the Holy of Holies.

Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20





Are you experiencing the peace, joy and awe of Immanuel?