



Devotional Study Guide Journal

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You Don't Need to Enter God's Presence

For years, we walked about believing that we God's presence lived in us, but that when we prayed, we needed to take certain steps to enter His presence. It never occurred to us how illogical that was.

Over time, this led us to feel like God was in heaven, and we were on earth. When we prayed, we felt distanced from Him even though we believed He lived inside of us. This was very confusing. It was a painful "reality" I didn't know how to escape. Many believers are in this condition today as evidenced by the many formulas there are for prayer, all the songs about being "hungry and thirsty" for God, and by those dear souls going from meeting to meeting hoping to experience the presence of God. They are doing this even though they acknowledge He lives in them.

God, through the blood of Jesus, brought us into His presence. We need only talk to Him. We are already there because He is already here in our hearts. The veil that separated man from God's presence was torn when Jesus died on the cross. Those who believe in Jesus enter through the veil of His flesh into God's presence permanently. We don't come in and go out.

***We don't need to enter His presence
for His presence has entered us,
and we have permanently entered His presence!***

He did this FOR us through the blood of His Son. What a relief this is in prayer. No need to go through any formulas, no need to invite His presence to be among us. God has taken care of that in Christ. We just simply ARE in His presence, so when we pray, we simply speak. How clouded my mind was with tradition, and how thankful I am to be free of it. What a joy to just live in and enjoy His presence with no need for formula.

1 Corinthians 6:17

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

We cannot get any closer than this.