

## 8. What is the Presence of God for You?

Have you ever heard someone say, “the presence of God is here and is so strong”, and you didn’t know what they were talking about? You didn’t feel anything. How can people be in the same room, yet some feel a presence of God and others don’t? What is the presence of God and how does it feel?

God’s presence is in our hearts, not at a specific location. Being that it is in our hearts and is personal, it is different for everyone. In order to feel the presence of God, we must first have a relationship with God. Private prayer time with just you and the Lord is vital. That’s how we get to know the Lord, and learn what His presence feels like for us.

Sometimes we do know the Lord, but our minds are so distracted, that it is difficult to meditate on God and feel His presence. It has been my experience that I have to be concentrating on God to be able to feel His presence. We need to invite Him in before He shows up.

Let’s look at some scripture:

Matthew 18:20 (Jesus said) “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Matthew 6:5-6 (Jesus said) “When you pray, do not be as the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and corner of streets, that they may be seen by man. But when you pray, shut the door, pray to your father in secret, and your father who sees in secret shall reward you and your prayer will not be in vain.”

John 8:47 (Jesus said) “Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all, without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Psalms 89:15 Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.

John 10:9 (Jesus said) “I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and out, and find pasture.”

John 14:18 (Jesus said) “I will not abandon you or leave you as orphans in a storm; I will come to you.”

It’s hard to describe what the presence of God feels like since it is different for everyone. For some people, the presence of God is a special feeling of peace. For me, the presence of God always brings tears. I’m not much of a crier, but when I’m in the presence of God, tears just come out.

So, spend time with God. Dig deep and share everything with Him. Be still and listen. Keep your mind on Jesus. Be in constant communication with the Lord.

During praise time at church, don’t just sing the words, but open your heart and truly praise Him.

Read His word (the Bible) and pray about what you read.

Concentrate and/or meditate on God. Invite Him into your heart. If you do these things, the presence of God for you will come to life. And it will be the best thing you can experience.