

**IMMANUEL NOW AND FOREVER**  
**JOHN 14:16 & REVELATION 21:3**  
**12/29/24**

**I. GOD WITH US NOW**

*John 14:16 – “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever.”*

**A. How is God with us now?**

1. Those that belong to Christ are indwelt by the Holy Spirit

*Romans 8:9 – “You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.”*

**B. Why is God with us now?**

1. The Holy Spirit helps us follow Christ
  - Those with the Holy Spirit WILL obey God
  - Christians are known by their fruit and their fruit comes from the Holy Spirit
2. The Holy Spirit is with us as a promise

*Ephesians 1:13 – “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.”*

- The Holy Spirit is the promise of salvation and eternity with God

**II. GOD WITH US FOREVER**

*Revelation 21:3 – “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.’”*

**A. How will God be with us forever?**

1. In the future God will dwell with His people
2. There will be NOTHING separating us from God in the future
  - There will be no need for a temple because God will dwell with His people perfectly

*Revelation 21:22 – “And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.”*

**B. Why will God be with us forever?**

1. This has been the plan all along

## COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. The Holy Spirit is described as an advocate or comforter. Has the Holy Spirit's presence in your life given you comfort in your spiritual walk?
3. How have you seen the Holy Spirit be a helper to you? How has the Holy Spirit helped you to grow in your obedience to God?
4. Ephesians 1:13 says that the Holy Spirit is a seal on Christians. How can this give us confidence in our relationship with God?

REREAD Revelation 21:3; 22

5. What will our relationship with God look like in the future? How is this different than our current relationship with God?
6. Does the absence of a temple in the New Jerusalem shock you? Why does this truth make sense?
7. Close your time in prayer. Pray that you would yield to the Spirit working in your life today and that you would hold onto to the hope of eternity with God.