

# 12/14/25 Message

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Part of God With Us

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## Message: Forever

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## Introduction

The world is crazy, and so are people. It's easy to forget the peace, joy, hope, and love that Jesus, through Christmas, brings to us! In the middle of life, it's important to never forget, God is with us!

Emmanuel is the Hebrew word and it's actually the same word in Greek, and it means God with us! The name Emmanuel appears in the Bible three times, twice in the OT; Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 8:8-10, and in Matthew 1:23.

### ***Isaiah 7:14 (NLT)***

All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

*It's crazy that we see a prophecy around 7 centuries before the birth of Christ become reality 700 years later when a virgin from Nazareth named Mary became engaged to Joseph, and soon after found out through the power of the Holy Spirit, she was pregnant. Mary gave birth to the physical presence of God through Jesus, and Joseph became His earthly father. This was also the pivoting point in changing something known as religion to something known as relationship. Religion started out based on obedience to God's law, but it quickly became a legal platform for dos and don'ts based on rituals and rules. God realized, people were worshipping the rituals and the rules and leaving Him out. That's when He knew He had to squash religion and emphasize relationship. To do this, He sent Jesus from heaven to earth in the form of*

*a baby. God wants to not only have a spiritual relationship with Him; He wants to show us what a personal relationship with Him looks like. Once He was born, Jesus spent the next three decades pouring Himself into the world He created; and He spent his last three years pouring into the disciples who would show the world His love.*

*—Pastor Chad*

## **Forever Because...**

- God MADE HIS HOME AMONG US

### ***John 1:14 (NLT)***

So the Word became human and made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

- God STAYS WITH US

### ***Matthew 28:20 (NLT)***

Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

- God CHANGES US BY HIS PRESENCE

### ***2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)***

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

*You can't be in the presence of Jesus without being changed! But Chad, if Jesus is everywhere (you know the whole omnipresence thing), if He is everywhere, then we're always in His presence. Not necessarily...check this out...*

*—Pastor Chad*

### ***Isaiah 59:2 (NLT)***

It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, He has turned away and will not listen anymore.

Now read those passages in this order:

- Isaiah 59:2 – It's your sins that have cut you off from God
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 – But if you're in Christ, you are a new creation

*It's the only way you can change out your heart! You have to repent of your sins, that means (step 1) turn away with the intention of not doing it again. It also means (step 2) genuinely approach God broken because your actions, your choices, your sin has hurt Him! We ask forgiveness and the God who made you, turns His frown upside down, and with all the love He can muster, He forgives you! Now, He will listen to your prayers! Now, He will hear you when you pray! What happens next? Then you decide if you want a prayer answered or if you want a relationship. See, an answered prayer is a one-time thing, but relationship is a lifelong, forever, eternal decision.*

*—Pastor Chad*

## **He Really Is With Us Forever**

- He made His home among us
- He stays with us
- He changes us by His presence

He is with us forever! Are you with Him?