

# Joy Found in His Presence

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**Psalm 16:11 “*You will show me the path of life; in your Presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forever.*”**

“In ‘His Presence’ refers to God’s nearness, encompassing His indwelling Holy Spirit for believers. It is a place of safety, joy and transformation. It is His powerful manifestation, experienced through worship, obedience, and a close relationship bringing comfort, guidance and fulfillment.”

You may ask, “How can I experience His Presence?” It can be achieved through salvation, worship, prayer, obedience and reading Scripture. This keeps us connected.

Prayer is definitely the key to our relationship with God. He desires to hear His people. When we are in a prayerful attitude, we are constantly in contact with the One who loves us the most. When we neglect prayer, we are on a path to lose our joy.

When Paul in Philippians 4:4 was in a Roman prison, chained to a guard, he was so filled with the presence of God that he rejoiced knowing the Lord’s love and His will was showing him the way. For Christians, joy should not depend on our circumstances or the affairs of the world. Joy should come from a personal relationship with God.

Be thankful for every second of every day that you get to spend in His Presence. When we stay in His Presence, something happens. Things change, chains break, walls are torn down, hearts are mended and your spirit is renewed.

All things were created by Him. He is in control. Reach to Him, believe in Him for what He can do. Stay in His Presence and He will take you through every situation. What joy there is in knowing that we don’t have to worry about anything. He is all powerful.

**Nehemiah 8:10 “*...the joy of the Lord is your strength.*”**

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