

# ZOOM STUDY: IMPORTANT BIBLICAL THEMES

## THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Introduction

It is amazing that even in a perfect world Adam felt alone. God remedied his lack by creating Eve to be his perfect counterpart and helper. We are not meant to be alone, nor are we ever truly alone, God is our ever-present help. But in Christ, God makes his presence with us more personal, tangible, real. Today we will explore what it means that Christ is present with us always.

1.) What do the following passages tell us about Jesus Christ?

**John 1:1-4** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men

**Colossian 1:16-17** For by him [Christ] all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**Hebrews 1:3** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

2.) What did people see when they saw Jesus?

**John 1:14** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Colossians 1:15** [The Son] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

**1 Timothy 3:16** Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He [God] appeared in a body.

**John 14:9-10** "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?"

3.) What examples from Jesus' life reveal that he is God and possessed God's wisdom? God's power? God's patience? God's love?

4.) In the creed we regularly confess that Jesus "is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty." What does this mean? What doesn't it mean? Why is this good news for us?

**Hebrews 9:24** Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.

**Ephesians 1:22-23** God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

**Romans 8:34** Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

**Revelation 5:6,11-12** Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. ...Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

5.) What will Jesus look like when he returns? How does that change your life and give you hope right now?

**Colossians 3:4** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**Philippians 3:21** By the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

**Revelation 1:13-17** Among the lampstands was someone “like a son of man,” dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ...His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.

6.) From the following verses, name the places where Jesus is present with us.

**Matthew 28:20** “Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**Matthew 18:20** “Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

**Matthew 26:26-28** While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

**Romans 8:10** If Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

7.) What comfort do we have in knowing that Jesus is present everywhere?

*Closing Prayer: Christ Jesus, thank you for ascending to God’s right hand to rule and to intercede for us. Comfort us daily by the promise of your presence with us in every trial, every temptation, every moment. Inspire us to live our lives in your presence to your glory. Amen.*