

[A Joyful Book, A Joyful Time, A Joyful Way](#)

The Book of Psalms is a book that is packed full of joyful treasures. The focus of this article may be found in Psalms 16:11, which says, "You will show me the path of life; In Your Presence is Fullness of Joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." Easter is a good time to reflect upon Jesus, and the Joy of His presence.

I want to direct our thoughts toward the part that says, "[In Your Presence is Fullness of Joy](#)." How do we come into God's Presence in order to experience His fullness of Joy? God, who is Omnipresent, is always in our presence, but we are not always in His Presence. How does the Holy Infinite God and an Unholy Finite Man make the connection to enjoy each other's presence? The link between the two entities is Jesus, who was and is the only Holy Infinite God and the only Holy Finite Man all wrapped into one as God's only Begotten Son!

So now what? Faith in Jesus, confessing our sins and asking Him to forgive us of our sins and to be our Savior is the first step toward coming into God's Presence. In doing so, Jesus has not only forgiven us of our sins, but He has set us apart, accounted us righteous, freed us from all condemnation, made us holy, given us access to the Throne of Grace. In the process, He has made every believer to become a unique Beloved Child of God.

Now we understand that Jesus provided Himself as Atonement for our sins through His Death on the Cross, and His resulting Resurrection, thereby becoming Our Redeemer. We can therefore understand that we are now the Beloved Son's or Daughters of God. Still, however, in the course of everyday life here on earth, how can we experience the Fullness of Joy, which the Psalmist says is being in God's Presence?

All believers are unique and therefore have unique personal experiences and relationships with God. Applying different combinations of the concepts, ways and words shown below may be helpful in seeking God's Presence.

Helpful Concepts, Ways And Words In How To Recognize God And Come Into His Presence As A Believer

- A. Abiding, Access, Acknowledge, Actions, Adoration, Anticipate, Approaching, Asking, Attitudes, Atonement
- B. Believing, Beloved, Bible, Boldness
- C. Caring, Closeness, Come, Communication, Compassion, Confession, Contemplate, Conversations, Creation
- D. Daily, Deliver, Desires, Devotions, Dreams
- E. Empathy, Enabling, Enjoying, Expecting, Experiencing
- F. Faith, Fear, Fellowship, Finding, Focusing, Forgiveness, Freedom, Fullness
- G. Gentleness, Gladness, Glory, God, Godliness, Goodness, Grace, Greatness
- H. Happiness, Heart, Heavens, Helping, Hiding, Holy, Honor, Hosting, Humility, Hungry
- I. Individual, Indwelling, Inquiring, Insights, Inspiration, Intimacy, Instruction, Inviting
- J. Jesus, Joined, Joyful, Justice
- K. Kindness, Kingdom, Knowing, Knowledge
- L. Learning, Listening, Living, Longing, Longsuffering, Lord, Loving
- M. Meditation, Meekness, Mental, Mercy, Mind, Morning
- N. Near, Need, Nighttime, Noonday, Notions
- O. Obedience, Offering, Outdoors, Overcoming
- P. Passion, Patience, Peace, Personal, Pleasure, Power, Praise, Prayer, Presence, Process, Proactive, Provision
- Q. Questing, Questioning, Quietness, Quizzing
- R. Reading, Recognition, Redeemer, Rejoicing, Relationships, Remembering, Resisting, Resting, Righteousness
- S. Saved, Scripture, Seeking, Serving, Sharing, Singing, Solitude, Soul, Spirit
- T. Talents, Talking, Temperance, Thanksgiving, Thinking, Thoughts, Time, Treasures, Trusting, Truth
- U. Undergird, Understanding, Unfolding, Uniqueness
- V. Veil, Vessel, Verbalizing, Victory, Visions, Visiting, Voice
- W. Waiting, Walking, Wanting, Ways, Wisdom, Words, Worship
- X. Xenia, Xenial
- Y. Yearning, Yielding
- Z. Zealous

For example, finding a place of solitude in the morning, praying, reading and listening to God's Word may enable you to experience God's Presence and Joy. Maybe others might seek God's Presence and Joy through fellowship with God in devotions, meditations, thoughts, or being a hostess and sharing with others. Some may enjoy God's Presence and Joy by singing, walking outdoors, coupled with soft verbal conversations with the Lord as they walk and contemplate. Some may look at the nighttime stars and praise God for His Creation and Greatness, sensing His Presence and Joy. There are many ways for Believers to come into God's Presence and Joy. **Seek and you shall find; Ask and you will receive!**

May some of the concepts, examples, ways and words mentioned above help you learn how to recognize and enjoy God's Presence in your life! As your life unfolds, I trust that you will daily seek His Presence and experience His Fullness of Joy. **By William C. Fordham, for Easter 2011 on 4/22/11.**