

“God with Us”

Why should it be so important to us that Jesus is called Emmanuel, God with us? **Matthew 1:21**

“The humanity of the Son of God is everything to us.”
Selected Messages, Vol 1, page 244

- I. God with us so that as a man He might die and taste death for everyone.
 1. Our redeemer could not be an angel because an angel could not die. **Hebrews 2:9**
 2. By dying in our place, Jesus shows the true character of God and legally tastes death for everyone. **Hebrews 2:9**
 3. The cruel death of Jesus unmasks Satan’s character to the unfallen universe and Satan is cast out of their sympathy. **John 12:31**

“Not until the death of Christ was the character of Satan clearly revealed to the angels or to the unfallen worlds. The archapostate had so clothed himself with deception that even holy beings had not understood his principles. They had not clearly seen the nature of his rebellion.”

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4. The death of Jesus demonstrates God’s love for man and draws us to Him. **John 12:32**
 5. The total surrender of Jesus in dying for the salvation of man will eventually end the Great Controversy between Christ and Satan. **Philippians 2:5-11**

- I. God with us so that we might know that Jesus understands our great need and come to Him.
 1. The sufferings of Jesus as a man matured Him (made Him perfect), just as suffering matures us. **Hebrews 2:10&11**
 2. The suffering of Christ in the flesh is motivation for us to stop living “in the flesh” and start living in God’s will. **1 Peter 4:1&2**
 3. Because Christ suffered as a man, we have an example to follow when it comes to committing ourselves to God. **1 Peter 2:20-25**
 4. Because Jesus became a man, He is able to “succour” us when we are tempted. **Hebrews 2:15-18**
The Greek word for *succour* is “to aid, to help, to relieve”. Other translations say “to assist and to run to the cry” of those being tempted.
 5. Because we have Jesus as our High Priest, who was tempted in all points like us yet without sin, we can come boldly to the throne of grace in prayer. **Hebrews 4:14-16**
- II. God with us through eternity.
 1. The 144,000 follow Jesus in heaven wherever He goes. **Revelation 14:4**
 2. The 144,000 are fed and led to living waters by Jesus. **Revelation 7:17**
 3. We can be members now of our family in heaven if we follow Jesus now and allow Him to dwell in our hearts. **Ephesians 3:9-21**

