

RIVERS OF LIVING WATER

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DWELLING in HIS PRESENCE



As a result of our fully embracing & dwelling in the Presence of God, we now have become “**more than conquerors**” Rom. 8:37... “**overcomers**” 1 John 5:4... He desires that we live a **VICTORIOUS LIFE** 1 Cor. 15:57, where we have much of God’s power Acts 1:8, 1 Cor. 4:20, which produces Kingdom Fruit John 15:8.

Dwelling in the Presence of God is a study that will encourage & motivate you to dwell in Him, therefore much Kingdom Fruit will be evidenced and as a result God is glorified John 15:8.

The content of this study has Scripture, Process, Evidences, Kingdom Fruit ...and My Affirmation.



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Dwelling in His Presence requires seeking Him with ALL OUR HEART so that we experience Him more. Out of us then, will flow RIVERS OF LIVING WATER. Jesus said in John 7:37,38 ***"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow RIVERS OF LIVING WATER!"***

In 2001, experienced visiting the Underground Church in China. We met with the **leaders of 30 million underground believers**. As I returned home, I pondered: what was my commitment to Christ in comparison to those in China! These underground believers sacrifice everything to be in the Kingdom of God and enter His Presence. They can't carry or have bibles in their homes, nor can they meet during normal times due to the police threat. Often, they gather in the middle of the week in the middle of the night. Since they don't have bibles when they gather, they truly worship and rejoice if they get to hear the Word of God. Many memorize chapters & whole books of the Bible. As I look at how they risk their lives, career, opportunities for their children, homes, schooling...I found my commitment to seek Him - weak! Previously I had thought my commitment uncommonly strong within the American Church! As I **sought the Lord with all my heart**, cried out to Him, soaked in scripture, prayed for days; I was suddenly struck with a burst of Living Water, **struck by the joy of the Lord!** I became so much closer to His Presence. This flood of His joy went on continuously and increased for 5 days. I loved it and so did everyone around me. After 5 days, I had to ask the Lord to stop increasing His joy, I physically couldn't take it any longer. This was a turning point in my life: I began experiencing many great moves of God, miraculous. I continue to seek His Presence in this way: crying out that I would experience another burst of Him with each new day! This study on the Presence of God was established to **help others draw fully near to Him**.

The RIVERS OF LIVING WATER are real, as any element of God can be flooded over us. He will use it to help us **build His Kingdom**.

To have this and other experiences: it is a **crying out to Him**, a **desperation to be in His Presence**, not just for my benefit but also to **hear and see His calling upon my life**. He wants to **bless and prosper us in so many ways**. Karen and I invite you into this study and into **seeking Him with all your heart!**

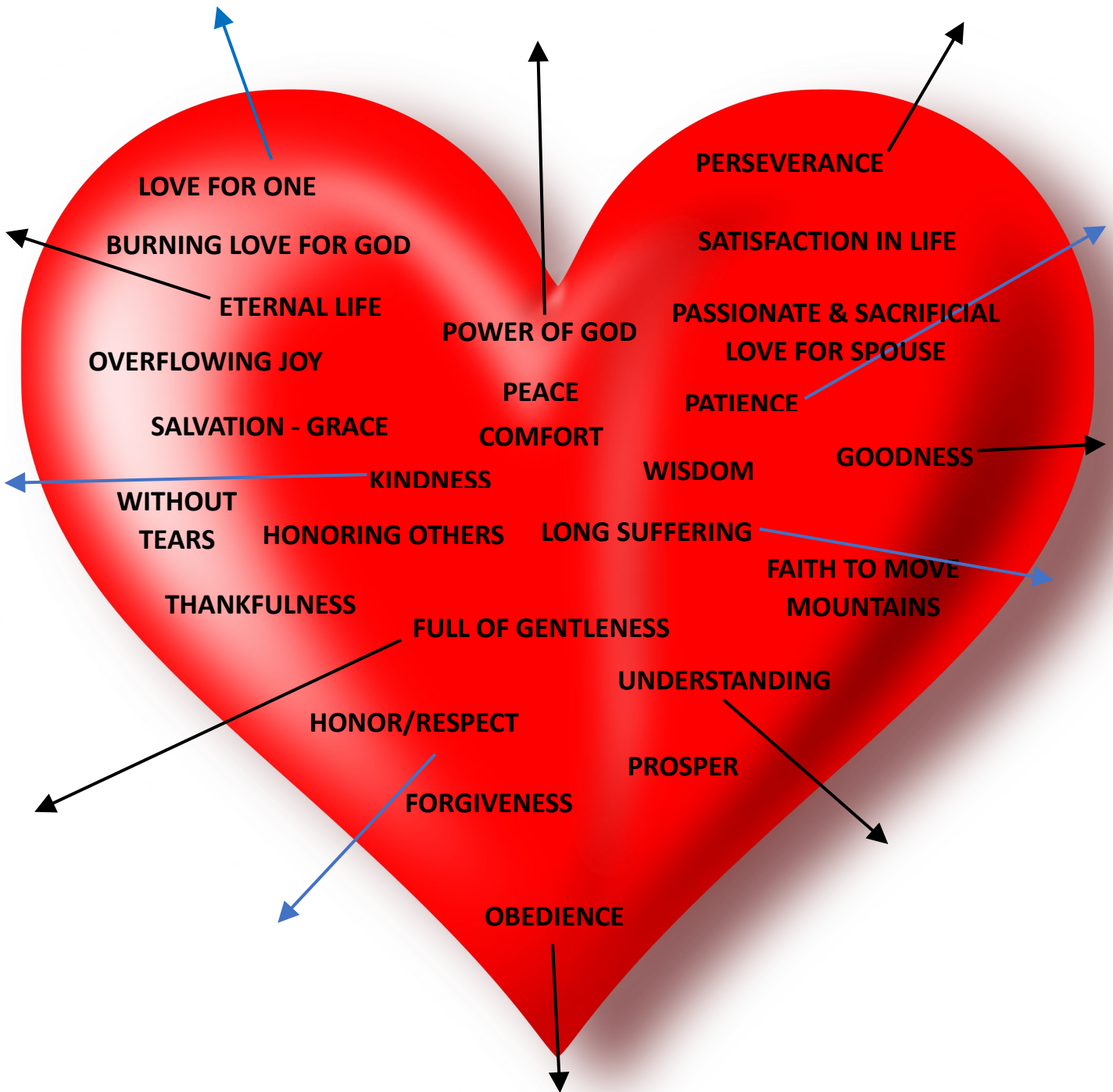
Just as the disciples waited for the Holy Spirit at Pentecost: as we seek Him and seek His Presence, anticipating the glory of the Lord – He will come! He will cause you to identify all the contamination in your heart. If you repent, you will be cleansed 1 John 1:9. Each of us must remain until His Presence comes and we are enabled to receive what He has for us. This could happen every day!

What does "Rivers of Living Water" look like? What is it that we receive and then it flows out of us?

In the following page there is an illustration of the bursting heart: showing all that may accompany these Presence of God events. Look and experience how He might **burst forth** from you in supernatural ways.

RIVERS OF LIVING WATER

"Out of the  flows Rivers of Living Water John 7:37-39



The Lord is bursting out through us when we are dwelling in His Presence, and become full of Him!

The heart is part of the soul. If we could have these attributes exploding from our heart, because of moving into and **staying in His Presence**...that should cause us to have outrageous passion for Him! Let's talk about these attributes:

SALVATION – GRACE: None of this is even possible, if I am not “born again”! It is His grace that enables us to have salvation for eternal life. It is this salvation for which the Lord gives us His Holy Spirit. We are no longer destined for hell, but to live eternally in physical Presence of God! There, we receive “eternal pleasures”!

POWER OF GOD: As we receive Jesus, the Spirit of God, we receive His power to do great & mighty things which will bring glory to Him. He will give us His power to accomplish His will and the calling He has upon our life.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER: The Lord encouraged us to love one another & He wouldn't have done so if we didn't have the capacity! As a result of having God within us, we now have a new capacity to love like Jesus loved. This capacity is released as we are dwelling in His Presence.

BURNING LOVE FOR GOD: God is not just calling us to an agape love (sacrificial love for Him); but He is so magnificent & offers relationship to us. He is Almighty God – irresistible. We are to love Him passionately, an eros type love – where we pant for Him.

ETERNAL LIFE: Without the salvation of Jesus within us, we are destined for hell. But He is offering us the hope where there are no more tears, no more strife, no more fear. He is offering the eternal rewards and pleasures of being faithful servants, Saturated with His Presence.

PERSEVERANCE: Perseverance is developed and strengthened by God Himself. We will be tested, and the testing will determine the degree to which we are faithful and love our God above everything else. He will give us a capacity to persevere no matter the circumstance, because we have the promised eternal life.

SATISFACTION IN LIFE: The heart never stops yearning for satisfaction. When we are not walking with Him, we try to satisfy our hearts with the things of the world. The book of Ecclesiastes is clear: all is meaningless unless we receive the gift of God: His satisfaction!

WITHOUT THIRSTING: We are called by Jesus to drink His water, because it will cause us to thirst no longer for the things of the world. He will help us through this in defeating temptation in our lives, therefore, thirsting only for Him.

PASSION & SACRIFICIAL LOVE FOR SPOUSE: The reality is that when we are flowing with Rivers of His Living Water, we will humbly seek to bless our spouse, love our spouse, and to help him/her to realize God's fullness. This is when marriage becomes simple, while He strengthens us to be great in His eyes.

OVERFLOWING WITH JOY: It is the joy of the Lord that we want exhibited in and through our life. Not through good behavior but as a result of the Fruit of the Spirit. The joy of the Lord defeats circumstances. On earth we may not have physically preferable conditions ...this is temporary! He will give us His joy amid it all.

PEACE: The peace of God that passes all understanding is precious. This peace defeats worry, anxiety, preoccupation of earthly circumstances, fear, and any attack of the enemy. You have already passed from death to life as you dwell in the attributes of God and His grace. He has given you eternal life and a peace from the Holy Spirit that can't be received any other way.

PATIENCE: Too often we get carried away with our own thoughts and our own will. But when His Living Water flows from us; we will stop that foolishness. We will wait on the Lord for His goodness, blessing, and favor! He is so generous.

KINDNESS: Often we are so busy that we forget to be kind. But, when we are full and immersed in the very Presence of God, we can't forget. He will cause it to bubble up out of us and bless others.

GOODNESS: Being righteous often turns into self-righteousness when living according to the flesh. We try to do it on our own strength. Being good before man is almost automatic when it comes up as part of the Living Water. We then will be righteous/good most of the time.

GENTLENESS: God developed David through gentleness. He was patient with David. We now, when in His Presence, have a gentle and tender spirit, as we help, lead, and serve one another. We no longer are driven to our earthly agenda, but rather to His!

FAITH: He is calling us to have faith to move mountains. The kind of faith He is calling us to, might be identified as being very "risky faith". Risky faith is not preoccupied with failure, fear, being embarrassed – these are earthly preoccupations. One who is Saturated has God-confidence and listens for what God wants. We know that all things are possible through Him and He works through all things with us.

WISDOM: Wisdom from God is developed and also learned. Wisdom of God is inspired by Him especially to do His will.

COMFORT: This is one of the distracting things that our flesh and the desires for the world uses. We seek worldly comforts when we are not walking with Him or have salvation through Him! God will give satisfaction in the areas in which comfort is desired as one seeks to give Him glory.

HONORING OTHERS: We will honor those that seek to please God and do His will. He will show us how to honor them. He will give us an attitude to build these people up to continue in their walk with the Lord.

UNDERSTANDING: What a privilege: the Lord gives us the ability to not only gain knowledge but adds understanding to it. Those that have God's understanding will be able to discern right from wrong, motives, purposes in life. It helps us in having His multi-dimensional wisdom.

WITHOUT TEARS: Can you imagine life without people frowning & weeping, but rather people fully satisfied, overflowing with joy; everyone around you the same way? Not only will this be what it is like in heaven, but as we dwell in the Presence of God, all those who are dwelling are without tears. We are about higher purposes.

FORGIVENESS: Our Lord made it very clear that if we do not forgive, there is no reason for Him to forgive us. Matt. 6 We are commanded to forgive, but I have had several occasions where I haven't had the strength to forgive. As a result of being in His Presence, we have authority over the enemy from instigating us to bitterness and anger. The Lord gives us the strength and helps us to forgive.

HONOR/RESPECT: The Lord desires that we be lifted up; He lifts us up! Honor and respect come to those who regularly dwell in the Presence of God. Honor and respect come to them as a result of their intimate relationship with Him. The honor and respect is given to the Lord; giving glory to Him as we see God in the brethren.

THANKFULNESS: We are no longer trying to build ourselves up and create confidence on our own. As we build our reliance on God, we are more and more thankful as we see Him working in our lives. As Rivers

of Living Water flowing through us, filling us with all these attributes; we are overwhelmingly thankful for what He is doing in us and through us.

OBEDIENCE: The Pharisees are famous for being obedient to the law with determination, duty and discipline. We will be obedient in and for the glory of God. It is in obedience that the process of having all the fullness of God, dwelling in His Presence will flourish. In our obedience, we are loving & honoring God. We are passionate to please Him in this way.

PROSPER: God desires for us to excel, succeed in the things that He cares about. He wants us to prosper in every way. He will bless us in our hearts first, and then in every other way. When we think and desire as Jesus did, good things happen.

When we think of what John wrote in Revelation 2,3 about the 7 Churches: only 2 of the 7 churches are fully commended. We must **be careful** we are not one in the five that are caught up in **doing the right behaviors without dwelling in the Presence of God.**

Perhaps you have other Kingdom fruit ideas that the Lord would cause to burst out of us toward others; what come to mind? _____

To what extent are you experiencing these attributes? (On a scale of 1-10) _____

As a result of looking at the Rivers of Living Water flowing out of you; of what does this convince you?

Now it is time to **seek more of His Presence** and **cry out for a deeper walk & relationship with Him.**

What would you hope or cry out for God to do, as you encounter a refreshing of His Presence? _____



THE PRESENCE OF GOD

What God desires most is our fellowship with Him! He is inviting us to be full & **preoccupied with His Presence in us and us in Him!** His

Presence is magnificent. We get His awesomeness in us & through us. We must crave His full Presence & hold nothing back, so that we can have His full blessing and His power active in all we do within His will so that we will **burst out** with the Presence of God.

Below are biblical references to cause you to be fully engaged with Him. Please read the references in context as you dwell on the Word of God and His Presence. Record your thoughts on the scripture in the blanks, above the HT response. Enjoy, be blessed. This chart will highlight the Presence of God in your life. We pray this exercise moves you deeper.

SCRIPTURE REF.	WHAT WE ARE TO DO	WHAT HAPPENS from HIS PRESENCE
Psalms 16:11		
Psalms 16:11	Receive His path of life	Be filled with joy & with eternal pleasures
Exodus 33:14		
Exodus 33:14	Consciously recognize His Presence within you	He will give me rest as He bursts out in you & through you
Psalms 27:7,8		
Psalms 27:7,8	Cry out for mercy & answers, listen, receive	He gives mercy & hears your prayers – the enemy has no access
Jer. 29:13		
Jer. 29:13	Seek with ALL your heart & find Me	He will be found by you and bless you
Psalms 145:18		
Psalms 145:18	Call on Him – tenaciously, until He responds	The Lord is near you – anticipate His Presence
Matt. 5:8		
Matt. 5:8	Be pure in heart - without contamination	Blessed & you will see God
John 14:26,27		
John 14:26,27	Awareness of the Holy Spirit in you	He will teach you all things that He said & remind you of everything. Receive His peace.
Heb. 4:16		
Heb. 4:16	Confidently/boldly go before His throne in worship & prayer	We will receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need Do you want God's help?
Heb. 13:5		
Heb. 13:5	DoBe without covetousness, content with what you are given	He will never leave you or forsake you – never fail you
Psalms 37:7-9		
Psalms 37:7-9	Be still before the Lord, wait patiently, don't fret, refrain from anger & rage	We inherit good things from Him, take ownership for what the Lord gives you

SCRIPTURE REF.	WHAT WE ARE TO DO	WHAT HAPPENS from HIS PRESENCE
Psalm 25:4-5		
Psalm 25:4-5	Entreat the Lord to show me His way, teach & lead me in Your truth & paths...wait	He is my salvation in all things
Isaiah 60:1		
Isaiah 60:1	Arise, shine – immediately dwell In His Presence	His light comes, His glory rises on you – confidence, peace & power are given
Zeph. 3:17		
Zeph. 3:17	Awareness of my awesome God – His Presence	God will delight in you with gladness He will calm all your fears with His love & rejoice over you with singing
Acts 17:25-28		
Acts 17:25-28	Seek Him, reach out for Him, & find Him. Live, move & exist in Him	He gives life & breath to everything Satisfies your every need
2 Chron. 7:14		
2 Chron. 7:14	Humble self, pray, seek His face, turn from wicked ways	I will hear, forgive, and heal your land
2 Peter 3:9		
2 Peter 3:9	Come to repentance	He doesn't want anyone to perish
Rev. 3:20		
Rev. 3:20	Hear His voice & open your door/heart	He will come in & fellowship/commune with you
John 4:24,25		
John 4:24,25	Worship Him in spirit and in truth (sincerely & passionately)	He will tell us all things – explain everything
Psalm 27:4		
Psalm 27:4	Ask & seek to live/dwell in His house (daily)	Hide me in His sanctuary, out of reach of trouble on the high rock
Psalm 84:2-5		
Psalm 84:2-5	Long & cry out for the Courts of the Lord	Blessed because I dwell in His house (v.4), His strength is given, He sets my heart on pilgrimage - experience fullness & do His will (v.5)
Isaiah 64:1-7		
Isaiah 64:1-7	Remove filthy rags, call on His Name, plead for mercy	He will burst from the heavens, mountains will quake, He will do awesome deeds
Psalm 37:5-7		
Psalm 37:5-7	Commit everything you do to the Lord, trust Him, be still before Him, wait patiently	He will help you, make your innocence radiate, the justice of your cause will shine, You won't worry about evil people

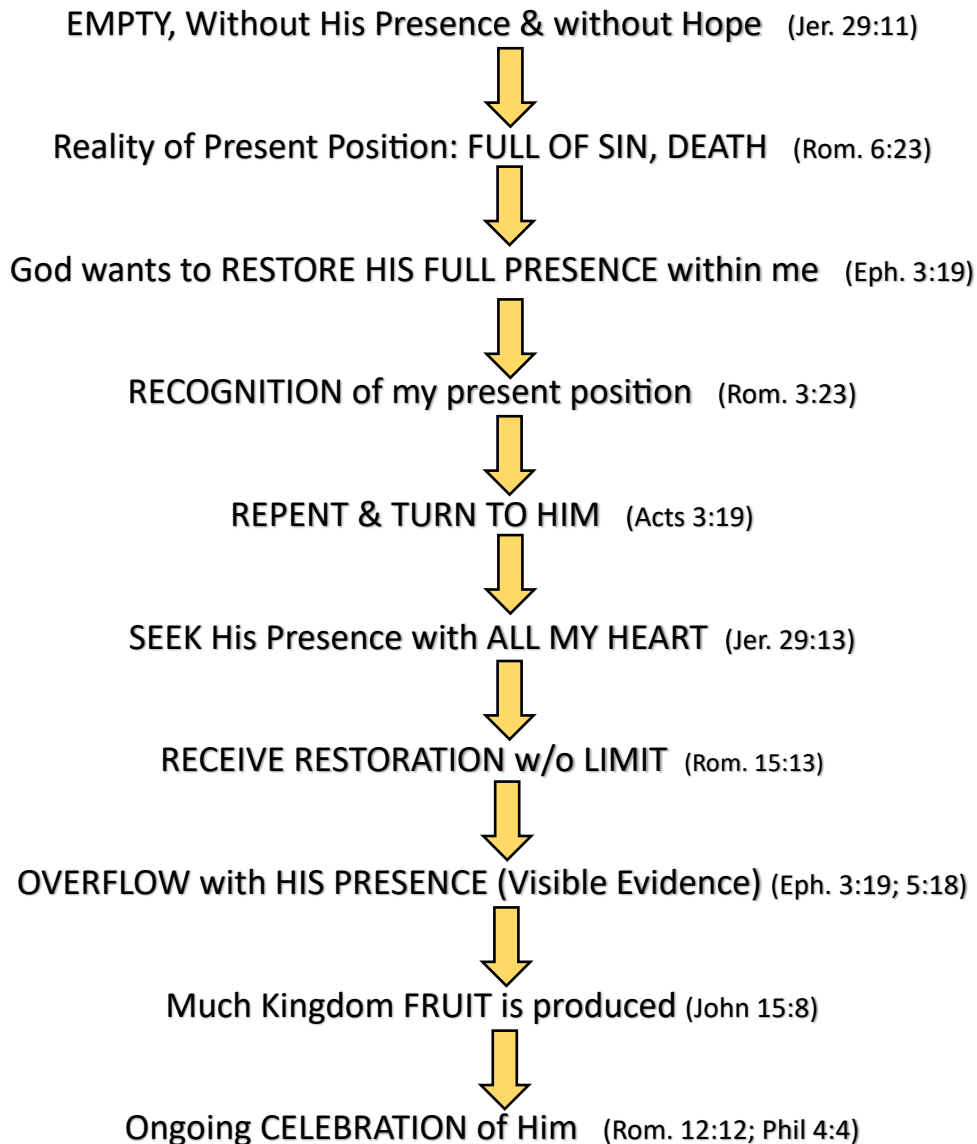
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Isaiah 55:6		
Isaiah 55:6	Seek Him, call for Him - be thirsty, incline your ear to hear	Soul shall live Soul delights in God's abundance
Matt. 28:18-20		
Matt. 28:18-20	Make disciples, baptizing them, teach these disciples to obey all	Be given all authority, He will be with you always People will be saved
James 4:8		
James 4:8	Submit to God; tears, sorrow, deep grief Resist the devil Draw near to God	The devil will flee from you God will draw near to you God will lift you up in honor
Psalms 73:24,28		
Psalms 73:24,28	Make the Lord your shelter & tell everyone about the wonderful things He does	He will guide you with His counsel, lead you to a glorious destiny Live in His Presence in abundance
Acts 3:19-20		
Acts 3:19-20	Repent, turn to God	Sins are wiped out, Times of Refreshing come from the Lord
Heb. 13:8,9		
Heb. 13:8,9	Don't be carried away by strange doctrines Be established by grace	You will see the never changing Jesus Christ
Isaiah 2:3		
Isaiah 2:3	Go to the mountain of the Lord	He will teach us, we will walk in His paths
Matt. 4:10		
Matt. 4:10	Worship the Lord & serve Him only	The enemy will flee
Luke 4:1-14		
Luke 4:1-14	Fasting & declaring scripture Worship Lord & serve Him only	Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.
John 14:12 NKJV

Do any of these Presence of God scriptures inspire you? ____ How? _____

Therefore, what are you convinced God wants to do in you and through you? _____

GAINING GOD'S PRESENCE PROCESS

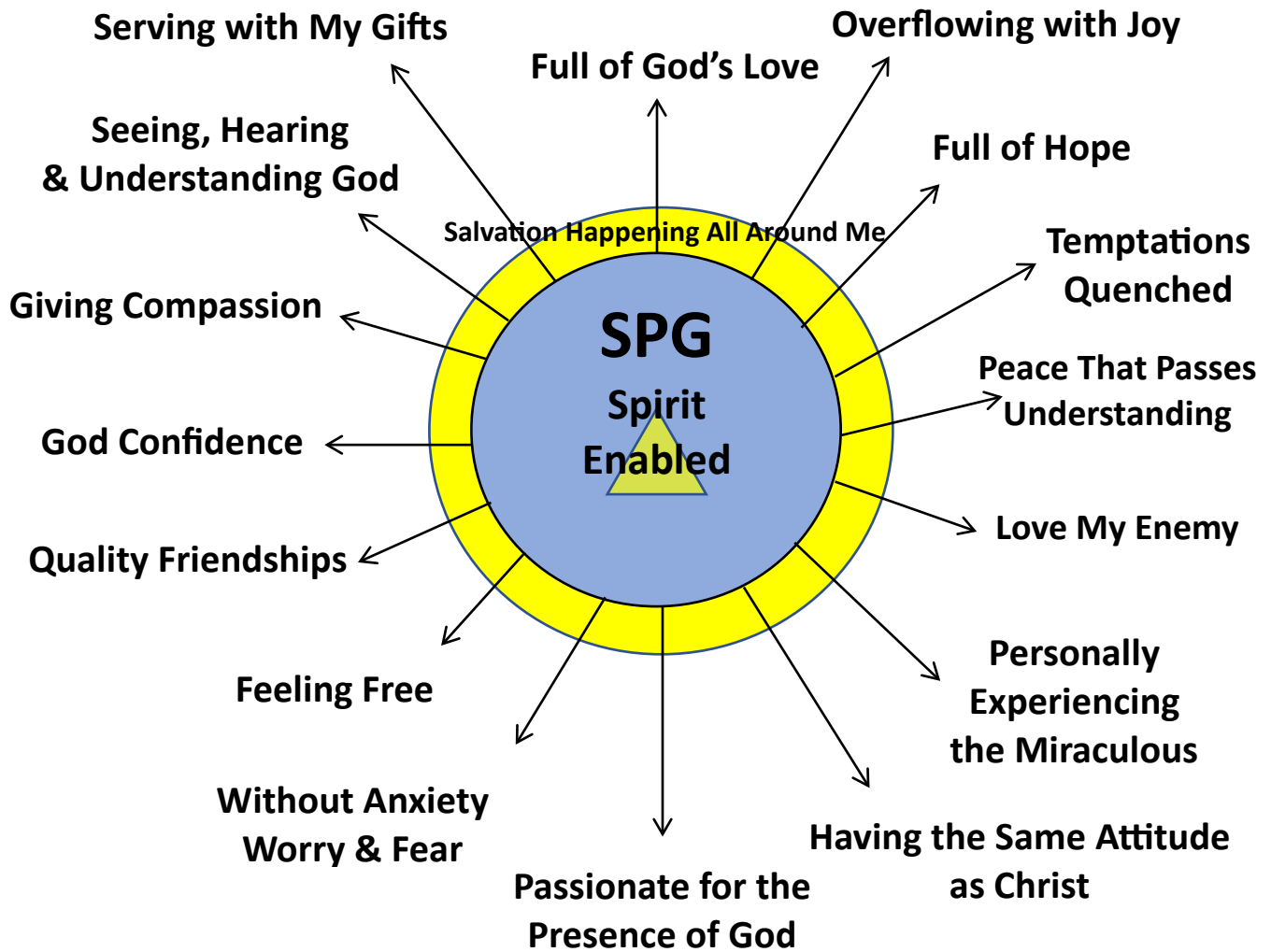


The Presence Process is here to encourage & stimulate us to become Saturated with the Presence of God! When we become Saturated with God Himself within us, it is as though we burst with the things of God, stored up within our heart, and stored up as a result of the fullness of the Spirit...then God releases it. God intends for this to happen daily. It is not a one-time event that lasts forever; it is an **everyday event that lasts forever!** Please soak on the following illustrations.

Are you full of all the fullness of God? _____ How would you know?

_____ ... Don't let space limit your answer!...

Saturation of the Presence of God (SPG) in an Individual
Fullness of the Holy Spirit on Display in Me



The fruit of receiving His Presence & becoming Saturated in one's surrendered life;
the Holy Spirit's blessing & supernatural work bursts out of them to others.

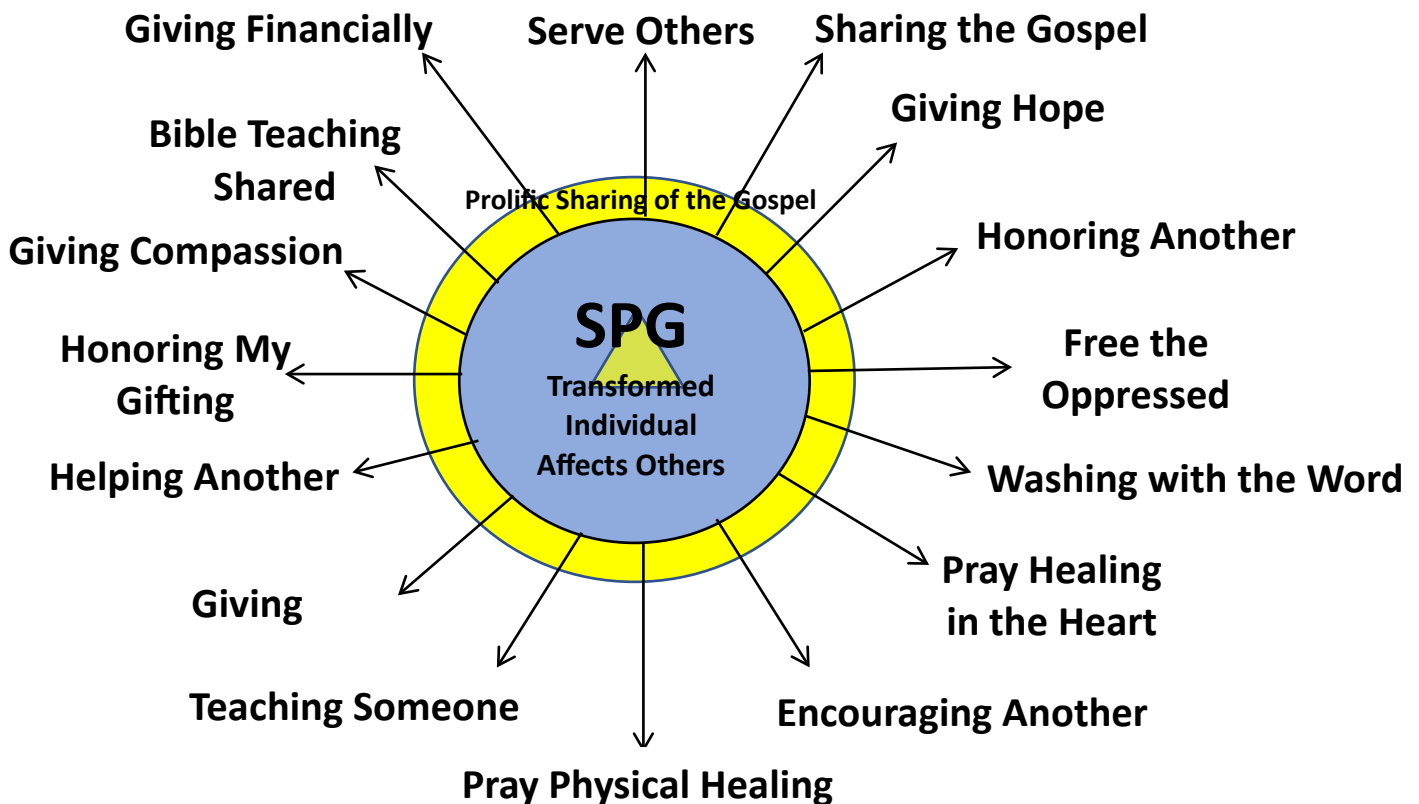
Galatians 5:22-23 ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

PERSONAL OVERFLOWING from SATURATION (SPG)

AWAKENING...REVIVAL...IGNITING

Saturation of the Presence of God in an Individual (SPG)

Fullness of the Holy Spirit on Display



As a result of Revival (Revival is being **S**aturated with the **P**resence of **G**od.) in me, it goes through me to others. I begin touching people with the glory of God. I desire to bless others and announce His greatness to everyone with whom I am in relationship. I begin being compelled by the Holy Spirit to proclaim His life & goodness. God uses me to share the gospel and many come to Christ.

John 13:4,35 ... Jesus...rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. ...35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 15:4,5 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Matt. 17:20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief;^[a] for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

EVIDENCE of HIS PRESENCE

His Presence Awes – Miracles all around me

Fullness of Joy exhibited daily

His Presence causes me to Proclaim Him

Kingdom Purposed

People are drawn to Individuals & Churches carrying His Presence

People invited in by those filled with His Presence

Listening & Obeying – In Silence & Waiting – He quietly Speaks

Turning from non-Kingdom activity – Surrendering

Transformed Hearts are a regular occurrence

Much Prayer & Answered Prayer

Discernment

Giving Testimony of my God-Encounters

No love of money

Fruit of the Spirit on display

Seeking His Presence: Word, Prayer, Miracles, Forgiveness

Ongoing Repentance

Multitude of Salvations

Great Marriages

Healing of hearts throughout the Community

Arise & Shine / His Glory is shining upon you

Mercy & Compassion Exuded

Without Fear of the world

Authentic Worship: Surrender, Seeking His Presence & Will, Praise,

Crying Out

Serving & loving others

True Humility – others first

Turn from Evil & Compromise

Submit to God: tears, sorrow, deep grief

Obedience to His Will

Much Kingdom Fruit

Disciples Multiplying

Breakout of Revival in me & the Church

MUCH KINGDOM FRUIT

John 15:1-8 *"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He ^[a]takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴**Abide in Me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless **you abide in Me.** ⁵"I am the vine, you are the branches. **He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit;** for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not **abide in Me**, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷If you **abide in Me, and My words abide in you**, you ^[b]will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸**By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit;** so you will be My disciples.*

Kingdom fruit is a result of abiding/remaining in Him! We often do not stop to think about **what Kingdom Fruit is**. Here are some examples. Perhaps you will have others...

Fruit of the Spirit Gal. 5:22

- Joy of the Lord, no matter the circumstance
- Peace, that passes all understanding
- Capacity to love like Jesus loved – unconditionally
- Patience, only wanting the Lord's will
- Kindness, that surprises and encourages
- Goodness, doing good things for those who don't expect it
- Gentleness, encouraged to move forward with God's sensitive & considerate hand
- Faithfulness, that endures testing & moves mountains
- Long-suffering, able to withstand testing with the strength of the Lord

Multitudes of people born-again Acts 16:14

Disciples being made and built-up Matt. 28:19,20

Great Marriages in God's eyes John 17:21

Brotherly/sisterly love 1 John 4:7

Much prayer and incredible answered prayer / House of Prayer Matt. 21:13

Freedom gained from forgiveness Matt. 6:12

Freedom gained through healing of wounded hearts, wrong beliefs, & patterned sin 2 Cor. 3:17

Generosity of heart Acts 20:35; Luke 6:38

Helpfulness Matt. 10:42

Gentle Correction to be on course Gal 6:1

Training others to be and do 2 Tim. 3:17

Gaining God-confidence Phil 3; Rom. 15:13; 2 Cor. 12:9

Free of Worry & Anxiety Matt. 6:23-34

Being a part of the Miraculous 1 Cor. 4:20

Loving my enemy Matt. 5:43-48

A Move of God is evident – Revival Is. 64:1-5

Quenched temptations Col 3:1,2

Kingdom Purposed & Continual Transformations 2 Cor. 3:18; John 14:12; Eph. 3:19

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PRESENCE OF GOD AFFIRMATION

for Keith Peterson

As a result of studying the Presence of God Verses and understanding what we are called to do & be, and what His Presence will do...a **response is needed**.

I think of Stephen in Acts 6: how the Presence of God had saturated his life...even the wounds of death, experiencing mortal pain and dying, couldn't distract him from the glory of God—he literally saw it!

My affirmation: This is what I have concluded about what God has said to me about His continual Presence in my heart & mind:

In my own strength, apart from His Presence, I bear no Kingdom fruit. I am a dead tree bearing no fruit!

When I am **in His Presence, blessings rain down on and in me** personally; I **have His love & power** in doing His will.

Saturation happens when **He is welcome in me** and I am **in Him**, following His ways, always seeking to absorb all He offers.

I am in awe of the **privilege** and am made **ambitious to do His will**, as He **transforms me** with Himself. Therefore, I am **being Saturated & personally in Revival**.

This means:

- My heart has & is being transformed and purified. He can now **fill me**.
- As I am made pure by Him, I DAILY ask Him to fill me **to the full** with His Presence.
- As I have been Saturated, I then **remain in His joy**.
- Being in His perfect Presence, filled with Him: I am **dwelling and tasting a bit heaven** itself.

Therefore: I desire that **my thinking & my heart are perfectly aligned with Him**.

I am becoming the embodiment and in the Image of Jesus, doing what He did and more. John 14:12

I will remain in Him and bear much fruit!

We encourage you to plan a time to cry out to Him, that you would experience more... We also encourage you, as a result of that special time in His Presence, to write your own affirmation of what God wants to do in and through your life!

GLORY TO HIS NAME!