

Immanuel – *God with Us!*

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today! We are thrilled you are here!

Tony Evans writes the following:

Jesus came to represent God, the Father, so that we would know what it is like to have God with us, as the name Immanuel defines. In Colossians, we read, "He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15) In Hebrews, "And He (Jesus) is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature" (Hebrews 1:3) And in John, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him." (John 1:1, 14, 18). Jesus Christ is Immanuel: God with us.

Welcome to 2020! As we explore the theme of "God with Us" during the year, I encourage you to fully experience His presence. Don't underestimate his

presence. Don't trivialize his presence. Don't forget his presence. Don't doubt his presence.

Do reflect on the following things:

1. One of the greatest things of our Christian life is in Jesus we get all of God;
2. Through Jesus he is available anytime, anywhere, and to anyone;
3. Any sin can be forgiven; any doubt can be overcome; any sadness can be comforted; any disappointment can be stopped; any fearfulness can be driven away; any loneliness can be ended; and any filthiness can be cleansed.

Seek his presence daily. Because he is present we can overcome the world.

All Things for Christ,
Michael