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THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The One God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — is always **present**, no matter where we are. There is no place in the entire universe where God is not present. God is present everywhere! Knowing that God is present everywhere can be a source of great joy and comfort to us. The Bible says, “in thy **presence** is fulness of joy” (*Psalms* 16:11). God’s presence can help us to have much joy. Likewise, God comforts us with His continual presence. The Bible says, “God is our refuge and strength, a very *present* help in trouble” (*Psalms* 46:1). No matter what the trouble we might face, God is always present to help us.

In this LIFEPAC[®], you will learn more about the *presence of God*. You will learn how God is present everywhere, all the time, in all places, and as a Person. You will study the Bible to see some examples of the presence of God in the lives of Bible people. You will also learn how the presence of God was experienced in the lives of some other people who lived after Bible times. You will also learn about the ways that God is present in your life!

Objectives

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAAC. Each section will list according to the numbers below what objectives will be met in that section. When you have finished this LIFEPAAC, you should be able to:

1. Explain the meaning of *the presence of God*.
2. Write and say from memory some Bible verses about God's presence.
3. Explain how God can be present everywhere.
4. Define the term *omnipresent*.
5. Describe how God can be present everywhere at the same time.
6. Know at least four of the main attributes of God and how He is personally present.
7. Describe the different ways in which God was present with certain Bible characters.
8. Describe the different ways in which God was present with certain people who have lived since Bible times.
9. List eight ways God can be present with you.
10. Describe three of these ways in detail.



1. GOD'S PRESENCE

God is the Almighty Creator of everything that exists. He is present everywhere in the **universe**. One of the great truths of our Christian faith is that God is present everywhere. God's presence fills the entire Creation, everything that exists. There is nowhere that God is not present. The Scriptures clearly state, "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee" (*Psalms* 139:7-12).

God is present to each and every person no matter where he or she is. This truth of God's presence can be a source of great joy and comfort to us. The truth of God's presence in your life can help you to live a happier and fuller life.

In this section of the LIFEPAC, you will learn more about God's presence in the universe. You will also learn how God's presence is a **personal** presence. Because He is *personally* present everywhere, there are **personal qualities** of God that are present everywhere, too. You will learn about some of these qualities of God in this section of the LIFEPAC.

Objectives

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Vocabulary

Study these new words. Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFEPAC.

attribute (at ru byüt). Trait, characteristic, or quality that is basic to a person or thing.

depend (di pend). To rely on or to trust.

eternity (i tèr nu tē). All the time; all the past and all the future.

impersonal (im pèr su nul). Having no existence as a person.

omnipresence (om nu prez uns). Being present everywhere at the same time.

personal (pèr su nul). Of, having to do with, or belonging to a person.

presence (prez uns). Being present in a place.

present (prez unt). Here or near, not absent.

provision (pru vizh un). The act or process of providing for.

quality (kwol u tē). Characteristic; something special about a person or object that makes it what it is.

universe (yü nu vèrs). The whole body of worlds, planets, and stars; all material creation.

Note: All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tèrm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ôrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /ʃh/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ or /ə/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

God is Present



Read *Psalm 145*
and *Acts 17:23-29*

God is here. The word *present* means *here*. That means that God is *present*; He is *here*. He is near you, and He is near all people.

When someone is taking attendance at a meeting or in a class and calls your name, you answer, “Present.” You are saying, “I am here.” If you are not present, when the person in charge calls your name, you are marked absent when your name is called. When a person calls on God’s name anywhere in the universe, God answers, “I am here.” God would never be marked “absent” anywhere in the whole universe! He is present everywhere.

Many people in different parts of the world can call on God at the same time. God will answer, “I am here,” to each one of them! Everyone in the world could call on the Lord at the same time, and God would still answer, “I am here.” God said, “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not” (*Jeremiah 33:3*). The Bible also says, “The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth” (*Psalm 145:18*).



| God is present everywhere and gives everything its existence.

The apostle Paul urged the men of Athens, “That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring” (Acts 17:27–28). Paul was saying that not only is God near to us, but that God’s presence is what gives everything its existence. If God did not exist, the world would not exist. God’s presence is as important to life as water is important to fish or air to the birds.

God is everywhere in a different way than the air or water is. The air that is around you and in you is not the same air that is around and in people in different places. Air in one place may have slightly more oxygen than in another place. Water in one place may be different in purity and mineral content than in another place. Some water is fresh water and some is salt water. The great and wonderful fact about God is that He is everywhere and He is the *same* everywhere!



Write true or false.

- 1.1 _____ People can find some places where God is not present.
- 1.2 _____ To realize that God is present is important to your life.
- 1.3 _____ God must listen to people’s prayers one at a time.
- 1.4 _____ God is everywhere in the same way that air is everywhere.



Complete these statements.

- 1.5 The word *present* means _____ .
- 1.6 Your presence is different from God’s presence because _____
_____ .
- 1.7 God is everywhere, and He is the _____ everywhere.



Read this story and answer the question at the end.

Nancy and Cindy met together one day and decided to go see their friend, Sally. They rode their bicycles to Sally's house, went to the door, and rang the doorbell. When Sally's mother answered the door, they asked if Sally could come out and play.

"I'm sorry", Sally's mother said, "but Sally is not feeling well today."

After saying good-bye to her, Nancy and Cindy went to their bikes.

"Why don't we pray for Sally?" suggested Nancy. "We can go to the church where God is and pray to Him so that He can hear us," she said.

"That's a good idea to pray for Sally," Cindy said, "but we don't have to go to church for God to hear us when we pray. He can hear us and help us right here."

1.8

Question: Was Cindy correct in what she said about God's presence and nearness?

(Give a quote from the Bible to support your answer.)

God is Present Everywhere



Read *Psalm 139*

At the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem, King Solomon said, "And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place [the temple]: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive" (*1 Kings 8:30*). It also says, "Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens" (*Psalm 123:1*). Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name" (*Matthew 6:9*).



| God is near you even when you sleep.

Can God only be found in a temple, church, or in heaven? No, the Scriptures also tell us, “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?” (1 Kings 8:27). Jesus Himself said, “But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly” (Matthew 6:6). Jesus also said, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). God is not only in a church or in heaven, He is everywhere; therefore, we can pray to Him wherever we need to.

God is spirit. Like the angels, God is *spirit*. He has no body. God is everywhere because He is spirit. The Bible tells us, “Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD” (Jeremiah 23:24). God dwells in heaven, and He also dwells on the earth. He also dwells in the hearts of those who receive Him. God says, “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones” (Isaiah 57:15).



God is omnipresent. The presence of God everywhere is called God’s **omnipresence**. The word *omnipresent* means *everywhere present*. God is everywhere present. No place in the world is without Him. God is never absent. The Bible says, “Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me” (Psalm 139:7–10).

How near is God when He is present? When He is with you in school or work or play, or even sleeping, how close is He? Is He beside you or around you? Yes, He is beside and around you. And because you are His child, He is also within you.



Complete these activities.

1.9 Write two verses that tell that God's dwelling place is in heaven.

a. *1 Kings* 8:30

b. *Psalms* 123:1

1.10 Explain why God cannot be in just one place.

1.11 Tell how *Psalms* 139:7-10 shows that God is omnipresent.



Complete the following statement.

1.12 God is so near you that He is a. _____ you,

b. _____ you, and c. _____ you.

God is everywhere at the same time. The Bible says, "Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD" (*Jeremiah* 23:23-24). The presence of God is everywhere in the universe.

Not only is God present everywhere, but He is also present everywhere at the same time. While He is present with you, He is also present with other students at home and at school in every city, in every state, and in every country in the world.



| God is everywhere.



Answer these questions.

1.13

How important is it to people that God is everywhere at the same time?

1.14

What does God say about His omnipresence as recorded in the prophet Jeremiah?

SELF TEST 1

Write true or false (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.01 _____ God is near to everyone everywhere all the time.
- 1.02 _____ God can hear His name anywhere it is spoken.
- 1.03 _____ In some places, God's love is not present.
- 1.04 _____ God is everywhere because He has a body.
- 1.05 _____ God is everywhere in a different way than air is everywhere.
- 1.06 _____ God's truth makes a science experiment work when the experiment is done correctly.
- 1.07 _____ God's attributes are everywhere, but He is not everywhere as a person.
- 1.08 _____ God knows the future as well as the past.
- 1.09 _____ *Omnipresence* means *sometimes present*.
- 1.010 _____ God is present even when we do not want Him to be present.

Complete these sentences (each numbered answer, 4 points).

- 1.011 The presence of God everywhere is called God's _____.
- 1.012 God is a _____ because He thinks, speaks, and loves.
- 1.013 Math facts are true because God is _____.
- 1.014 Because God is faithful, He will keep His _____.
- 1.015 Because God is a person, we can a. _____ Him,
b. _____ Him, and c. _____ Him.
- 1.016 If you are a child of God, God's presence is _____ you.

Answer these questions (each numbered answer, 5 points).

1.017 How is God's omnipresence different from air being everywhere?

1.018 How can the following statement be true? "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit."

1.019 How do you know that God is a person?

1.020 What are five attributes of God that are present everywhere?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

1.021 What are the first two verses of *Psalms* 139?

1.022 How is your presence different from God's presence?

1.023 How near is God when He is present?

Choose the correct answer (each answer, 3 points).

1.024 Because God thinks, speaks, and loves, He is _____ .
a. everywhere b. a person c. omnipresent

1.025 God is not _____ anywhere in the universe.
a. dwelling b. present c. absent

1.026 According to the apostle John in his first letter, God is _____ .
a. here b. in heaven c. love

1.027 "Two and two are always four." This fact means that God's _____ is everywhere.
a. love b. truth c. knowledge

1.028 " He telleth the number of the stars." This statement means that God's _____ is everywhere.
a. knowledge b. faithfulness c. love

1.029 People can find _____ where God is not present.
a. someplace b. no place c. a few places

1.030 God listens to prayers _____ .
a. one at a time
b. two or three together
c. all over the world at any time

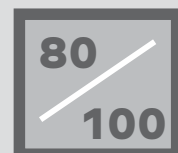


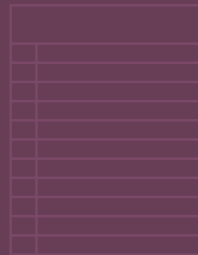
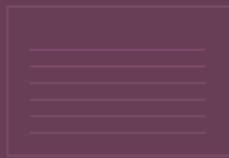
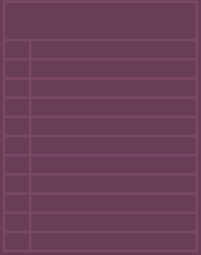
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