



STUDY GUIDE

Powerfully Experiencing God and His Love

I. In God, His Children

A. Adam and Eve stepped out from His Presence:

*"8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the Garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife **hid** themselves from the **Presence** of the LORD God among the trees of the Garden." (Genesis 3:8, ESV)*

1. They actually hid from His Presence.
2. But we were created to live in His Presence!

*"11 ... 'Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?'
12 The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.'"*

3. The atmosphere of love was gone.
4. We were created to live in and from Him.

B. In Him

"3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life ..." (Colossians 3:3-4, ESV)

"17 But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him ... 19 ... your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you ..." (1 Corinthians 6:17,19, ESV)

*"20 In that day you will **know** that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 ... And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and **manifest Myself** to him.' ... 23 Jesus answered him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.'" (John 14:20–21, 23, ESV)*

C. **Experiencing His Manifest Presence and Glory**

"2 On that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious. ... 5 Then the LORD will create a cloud of smoke by day and a glowing flame of fire by night over the entire site of Mount Zion and over its assemblies. For there will be a canopy over all the glory." (Isaiah 4:2,5, HCSB)

"21 May they all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You. May they also be one in Us so the world may believe You sent Me. 22 I have given them the glory You have given Me. May they be one as We are one." (John 17:21–22, HCSB)

*"15 ... they would carry the sick out into the streets and lay them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow **might fall** on some of them. 16 ... and they were all healed." (Acts 5:15–16, HCSB)*

We are in Him, in His Presence, with Him, experiencing Him 24/7!

II. **In His Love**

"9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love." (John 15:9, ESV)

"15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 ... God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." (1 John 4:15–16, ESV)

"1 Look at how great a love the Father has given us that we should be called God's

children. And we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it didn't know Him." (1 John 3:1, HCSB)

"... may share in the divine nature." (2 Peter 1:4, HCSB)

"... the fruit of the Spirit is love." (Galatians 5:22–23)

A. **Experiencing His Love**

"17 ... and that the Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height, and depth of God's love, 19 and to know the Messiah's love that surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us ..." (Ephesians 3:17–21, HCSB)

"May you be filled through all your being with God Himself." (Phillips translation)

"16 And we have come to **know** and to **believe** the love that God has for us. God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us ..." (1 John 4:16–17, HCSB)

Know: experiential, "perceive, feel."

B. **In Him**

"10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that would come to you searched and carefully investigated. 11 They inquired into what time or what circumstances the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when He testified in advance to the Messianic sufferings and the **glories** that would follow. 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you ..." (1 Peter 1:10–12, HCSB)

"8 On that day the LORD will protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the

feeblest among them on that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the angel of the LORD, going before them.”
(Zechariah 12:8, ESV)

“27 ... the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” (Colossians 1:27, ESV)

*“... **until Christ is formed in you.**”* (Galatians 4:19)

*“... **But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.**”* (Romans 13:14)