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"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; <u>Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a</u> <u>Son, and shall call His name **Immanuel**.." (Isaiah 7:14)</u>

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was like this: When His mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, <u>she was found to be with child **by the Holy Spirit**</u>. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was of the mind to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, you son of David, fear not to take unto yourself Mary as your wife; for that which is conceived in her <u>is of the **Holy Spirit**</u>. And she shall bring forth a Son, and <u>you shalt call His name Jesus</u>; for He shall save His people from their sins. Now all this was done, so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and <u>they shall call His name **Emmanuel**</u>, which being interpreted <u>is</u>, **God with us**." Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had told him, and took unto himself his wife; and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn Son: and he called His name <u>Jesus</u>." (Matthew 1:18-23-25)

Immanuel: from the Hebrew word *Immanuel* which literally means "With-us-is-God".

Emmanuel: from the Greek word <u>*Emmanouel*</u> which is the Greek pronunciation of the Hebrew name Immanuel.

The name Immanuel is a Messianic name derived from the Old Testament prophecy in the book of Isaiah; and literally translates as **With-us-is-God**. The angel who spoke to Joseph in a dream, is confirming that Jesus is the promised Messiah by also instructing Joseph to give Jesus this second name "Emmanuel" which <u>thus fulfills the prophecy concerning the coming</u> of the promised Messiah "**God-with-us**".

This name of Jesus, Emmanuel, has a double emphasis's: the "With-Us-is" part of the name, and the "God" part of the name - the Triune God!!. Consider these scripture passages:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... And the Word was made flesh, and **dwelt** among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:1 and 1:14)

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; <u>but made Himself of no reputation,</u> <u>and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and **was made in the likeness of men**. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him, and given Him <u>a name</u> which is above every name; so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2: 5-11)</u>

Even though Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, He is still God-with-us! Consider also these verses:

"So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if it so be that the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if any man has not the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ be in you, though the body is dead because of sin; yet the Spirit is life (alive) because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken (make alive) your mortal bodies **by His Spirit who dwells in you**." (Romans 8:8-11)

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"I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, <u>but **Christ lives in me**</u>: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

"If you then are risen <u>with</u> Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For you are dead, and your life is hid <u>with</u> Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then you also shall appear <u>with</u> Him <u>in glory</u>!" (Colossians 3:1-4)

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worked in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." (Ephesians 3:14-21)

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He has come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believed not on Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and you see me no more; and of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now. However when He, the **Spirit of Truth**, has come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come." (John 16:7-13)

"Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit ; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, <u>I am with you always</u>, even unto the end of the age. Amen." (Matthew 28:16-20)

In the past, in the present, and in the future, our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus will always be Emmanuel – God-With-Us! Always and always! Forever and ever! Truly, truly!

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Thank you Lord Jesus for being <u>with me</u> and <u>in me</u>! Thank you for your Spirit of Truth who dwells in me!