

**Hosting the Presence**  
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I and My Father are one. **(John 10:30 NKJV)**

Jesus came to take us back to the Father. Our path to God is Jesus.

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. **(I Corinthians 6:17 NKJV)**

Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. **(John 17:11 NKJV)**

We are one with Jesus, intimacy is possible.

And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them. **(John 17:22-26 NKJV)**

It is impossible for rivalry to exist within the trinity.

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. **(Colossians 2:9, 10 NKJV)**

Christ came as God incarnated for us to have a way home and give us the opportunity to be restored to intimacy with God our Father.

For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. **(Ephesians 2:18 NKJV)**

He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered and said to 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 14:21-23 NKJV)**

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. **(John 14:6 NKJV)**

Jesus' job description was to bring us to the Father, restoring our relationship of love and intimacy that had went away because of the fall. God the Father was seeking us through the person of His Son.

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. **(I Corinthians 12:12 NKJV)**

The moment we are born again, we do have intimacy with God, but it is sporadic and often interrupted. The intimacy is new and immature **(1 Peter 2:2)** needs to be cultivated into an abiding relationship.

As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, **(1 Peter 2:2 NKJV)**

But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him. **(I Corinthians 8:3 NKJV)**

God, the Father wants to know us and longs for us to know Him in this present life on earth.

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. **(John 17:3 NKJV)**

He wants us to be comfortable in God's presence. As a Father, God wants to be known and experienced **( 2 Cor. 6:18)**. Jesus was sent to reintroduce us to our loving Heavenly Father **( John 1:18)**.

I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty. **(II Corinthians 6:18 NKJV)**

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. **(John 1:18 NKJV)**

When Christ is formed in us **(Gal. 4:19)** intimacy between God and us becomes possible. Intimacy is so important to God that He made a promise that reveals His Father's heart.

My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you, **(Galatians 4:19 NKJV)**

None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. **(Hebrews 8:11 NKJV)**

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. **(I John 5:20 NKJV)**