

The “Shekinah” Glory of God (John 14:15 – 26)

The visible manifestation of His invisible presence, is called *'Shekinah'* - the Shekinah glory of God.

That word *'Shekinah'* is derived from the Hebrew word 'to dwell', *'shakan'*.



Old Testament

In the Wilderness -

The Lord appeared in a *cloudy pillar* in the day and a *fiery pillar* by night (**Exo.13:20-22**).

In the Tabernacle –

The presence of the Lord is seen *in the cloud* that surrounded the place (**Exo. 40:34**).

God spoke to Moses out of the *pillar of cloud* (**Exo. 33:9**).



New Testament

The incarnate Word, Jesus Christ who is the dwelling place of God's glory.

“In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form” (Colossians 2:9).

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9).



*Where is the Shekinah glory
of God today?*

2 Corinthians 4:6 –

'For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ'.

If it is *God's desire and passion to dwell in the midst of His people,* surely *that should be our greatest desire and purpose in life: to know and experience the dwelling presence of God with us.*



How to know and experience the dwelling presence of God?

1. **We must look to Christ with the eyes of faith.**

'For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ'

(2 Corinthians 4:6).



2. We must look at the Promise of Pentecost

“But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate, will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you” (John 16:7).

The Greek word for **“Advocate”** is **“Paracletos”**, -'a person summoned to one's aid'.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate (or helper) to help you and be with you forever” (John 14:16).



Now that word '**another**' means,
in the Greek language,

“another of the same kind” –

**“I will send you a Helper
of the same kind.”**

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you” (John 14:18).

He is sending another person who will bring His very person and nature and presence to them.



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'By Christ's ascension and the Holy Spirit's descent, Christ exchanged His bodily presence with His then disciples in Jerusalem for His spiritual omnipresence with His disciples everywhere'.

'Thomas, because you have seen Me, you believe. Blessed are those who have not seen, yet have believed' (John 20:29).



The great mystery of the Triune Godhead

“Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live”
(John 14:19).

Pentecost:

“At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you” **(John 14:20).**



**3. We must have a loving obedience
for Christ and His words.**

“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”

(John 14:21).

*“Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, 'Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?’” **(John 14:22).***



“By the Spirit of God we can actually know Christ better today than the disciples knew Him when He was on the Earth”.

“When He was here, those in the front of the crowd were closer to Him than those at the rear; but today, by faith, each of us can enjoy the closest fellowship with Him - everyone, everywhere, anywhere on this globe”.

“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 abode with him" (John 14:23).

“Don't be troubled, I'm going to prepare a place” (John 14:1,2).



Lang says: *“Not merely in him who loves Jesus and obeys His commands, but God, Father and Son, will be found in a community, a place where the Triune God manifests Himself, and which forms a contrast to the world.*

The Spirit is not only in the faithful, the Spirit is with them as well. He forms a fellowship of believers, the church, with them”,
*“This is the real **Shekinah**”!*

Galatians 5:22,23 – *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control...”*



“These things His disciples did not understand at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him”

(John 12:16).

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you”

(John 14:25-26).



Conclusion

How to experience the “**Shekinah**”
Glory of God in our lives?

1. *To have the eyes of faith to see our glorified Christ*
2. *To have the power of the Holy Spirit to fill our lives*
3. *To have a loving obedience to Christ and His Words*