

Wednesday Word of the Week "Present"

Origin: Middle English: via Old French from Latin praesent- 'being at hand', present participle of praeesse, from prae 'before' + esse 'be'.

Definitions:

(Adjective)

- [PREDICATIVE] (Of a person) in a particular place
- (Of a thing) existing or occurring in a place or thing
- [ATTRIBUTIVE] Existing or occurring now*Now being considered or discussed
- Grammar: (Of a tense or participle) expressing an action now going on or habitually performed or a condition now existing

(Noun)

- The period of time now occurring
- Grammar: A present tense
- A thing given to someone as a gift

(Verb)

- (present something to) Give something to (someone) formally or ceremonially
- Show or offer (something) for others to scrutinize or consider
- Formally introduce (someone) to someone else
- Exhibit (a particular state or appearance) to others
- Hold out or aim (a firearm) at something so as to be ready to fire
- [Example: "they were to present their rifles, take aim, and fire"]

Another way I see this word is "pre-sent" (called to go to a specific destination beforehand). This is a fun word not just because it is used in many different ways but because this word can be used as a description of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Ready? Jesus Christ was pre-sent as a present (gift) to us and was presented to us in our present (time). This may be too much but there is a point.

When Jesus Christ was born He was presented or revealed as the Messiah to some. When He began His ministry He was yet again presented as the Messiah who would save mankind from their sins and afflictions. He was and is and continues to be presented as the Savior for all mankind. He is THE gift from God Almighty. He is always in our present. The past was the present at one point and the future will be the present at another point.

If you think about that sentence you will understand. Jesus was, is, and is to come. How? He is ever-present always existing. There has not been any time that Jesus did not exist and there never will be a time that He will not exist. The greatest part is He is not some figment or a ghost (neither is the Holy Spirit or Father God). Jesus lives within you.

If He is part of the Father and Holy Spirit lives in Him, then we have God the Father with us, Jesus-the Son of God-with us, and the Spirit of the living God with us always (those that have accepted Jesus into their lives).

This is good news. The Holy One is ever present within us as a present (gift) from the Heavenly Father to be always presented before and within ourselves and others. We do not have to strive to be because we already are. We just have to exercise (use through understanding) what we already have.

Jesus is the first and the last. That means everyone else is in-between or surrounded by Jesus. He was pre-sent to save us from a life of striving and a life of separation from God the Father. How can we continue to believe God is a being out to destroy us at every turn when He pre-sent His Son to suffer in flesh and blood so we could have a choice to live in peace and joy with Him forever?

Bible Verses:

- **John 1:1-5** - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.
- **John 17:1-5** - Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
- **John 17:20-26** - "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 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. 24 "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. 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 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."
- **Ephesians 2:4-10, 14-18** - But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. . . 14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. 17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.
- **2 Corinthians 5:18-19** - Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
- **Ephesians 1:7-12, 22-23** - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. . . 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

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