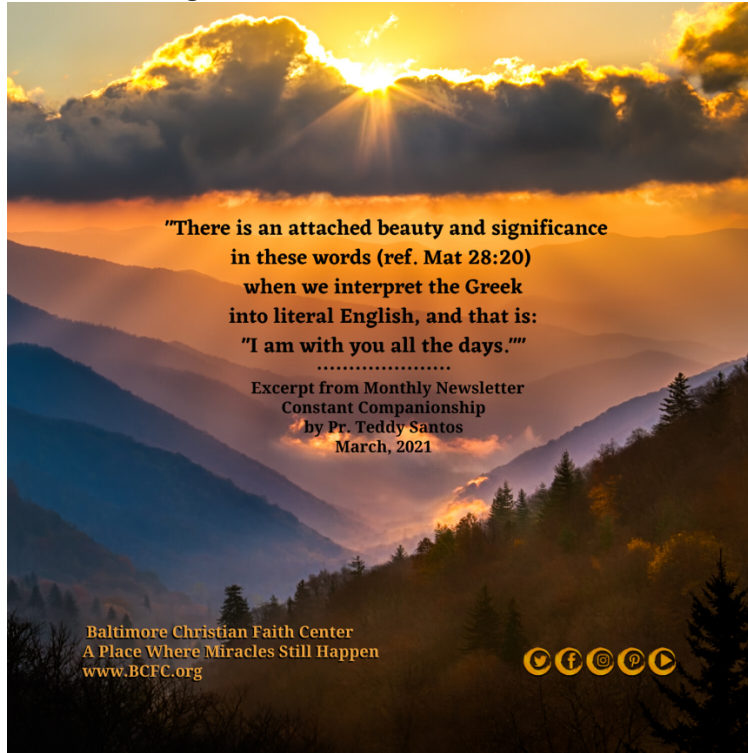


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Mat 28:20 *"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."*

There is an attached beauty and significance in these words when we interpret the Greek into literal English, and that is: **"I am with you all the days."**

How fresh, lively and encouraging these words are! Even though they are familiar as household words, they revive us like the breath of a spring morning loaded with the ozone of the sea.

We withdraw back from the irregularities of life and dread its heartaches and at times lighter for us than those close to our lives. It is evident that we need wisdom, guidance, strength, a brotherly love, a Saviour's intervention... but all is right there if only we can comprehend and receive the blessing of the beautiful fact of the constant presence of our lord Jesus!

I want to point out some essential conditions which we must be fulfilled, if you seek close unity with our Lord. The number one item on the list is Obedience. *John 14:21 "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."* The path of the life you live is marked out by God's Providence, either in the levels of ordinary existence or in some specific commission and calling. As you courageously walk it, you become conscious of a glorious Presence coming to meet you and walking right next to you. You must always, however, obey!

The second is Purity, *Mat 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God."* Let's consider this the finding of the Holy Grail - a quiet heart. I am not trying to imply a quiet life - that may be very unlikely, but a heart freed from care, from delirious passions, from the invasion of unworthy ambitions, vanity, or pride. The custom of studying God's Word helps to produce the quiet heart and reverent spirit, realizing the Lord's presence. The Bible is much like the Garden of Eden in which the Lord God toured in the cool of the day - read it enough and prayerfully, and you will encounter Him in its meadows.

And the final thing I want to present is Recollection. There will be times when the discernment of His presence will be conveyed into your soul. At other times, it is super tough to say: "You are right here, O Lord! I do not feel or enjoy Your presence. My heart is melancholy, but You are right here beside me!" Faith, **not feelings**, is the realizing forte. Without it, you would not have grasped His presence to begin with. But take courage and be reassured by the words of our Brother Peter, who mentions in *1Peter 1:6, TLB. "So be truly glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though the going is rough for a while down here."* Take courage and be blessed, the Lord is with you!

At His service,
Pr. Teddy Santos