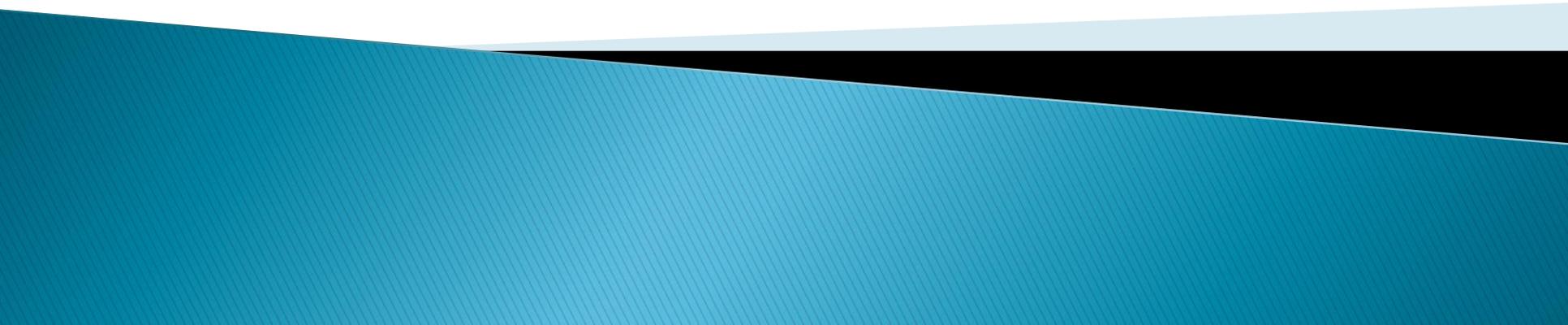


Welcome to

Who is God  
and Why Does that Matter to  
Us?

The Omnipresent God



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The Earth is about 196,940,400 square miles.



Each one of us takes up 10 square feet.



Each person is on 0.0000000000000018% of the earth



God is on 100% of the Earth

If we walked 3 mph it would take us 3747 years to walk on every square foot of the Earth.

God is on all of the Earth all at once.



# 1 Kings 8:27

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You, how much less this house which I have built!

God does not fill the universe like a hand would fill a glove; rather, God fills the universe like the ocean fills a bottle on its bottom.



# Colossians 1:17

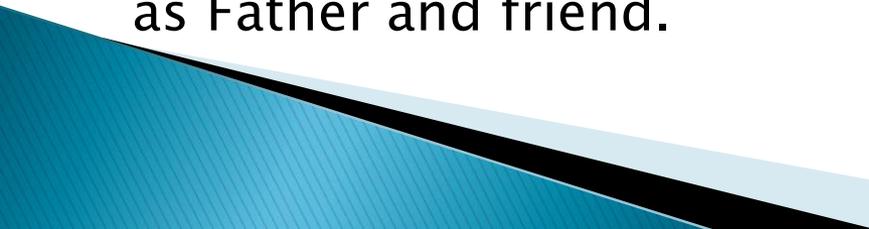
He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

# God's omnipresence vs. the presence of God

Psalm 16:11

You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

The presence of God is not just an awareness that He is present; the unrighteous can believe that and still be joyless. The presence of the Lord is experiencing what He is, not merely that He is. It is drawing near to God that He might draw near to us. The presence of God is direct intimate communion. It is not merely thinking of God as Creator but as Father and friend.



You can be surrounded by people and everyone is ignoring everyone else. Presence does not necessitate intimacy.



Or there can only be two people but be in a relationship.



## We can never escape God's presence

▶ Jonah 1:3-4

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▶ <sup>3</sup>But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

▶ <sup>4</sup>The LORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to break up.

## Jeremiah 23:24

Can a man hide himself in hiding places  
So I do not see him?" declares the LORD  
"Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?"  
declares the LORD.

## Hebrews 4:13

And there is no creature hidden from His sight,  
but all things are open and laid bare to the  
eyes of Him with whom we have to do.



# God all around us

- ▶ **God is behind us.** He protects us from our past. Isaiah 58:8, “The glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.”
  - ▶ **God is above us.** He covers us from those who arrogantly stand above us and make accusations. Psalm 91:4, “He will cover you with His pinions, And under His wings you may seek refuge.”
  - ▶ **God is in front of us.** He goes before us so that we might make right decisions. Isaiah 45:2, “I will go before you and make the rough places smooth.”
  - ▶ **God is under us.** He cushions and comforts us when we fall. Deuteronomy 33:7, “The eternal God is a dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.”
  - ▶ **God is to our left and to our right.** He guards us from unexpected attacks. Psalm 125:2, “As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.”
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# What Does God's Omnipresence Mean to Us?

## Nothing can block out God

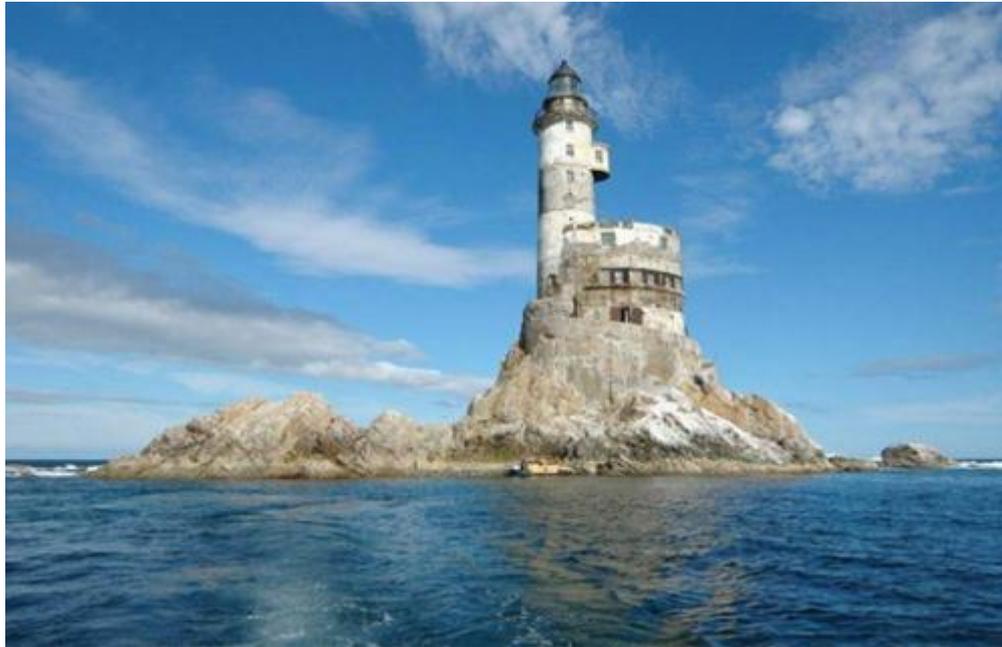
**He is always with us to the end of the age**

Matthew 28:20, "teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**He will never leave nor forsake us**

Hebrews 13:5, "Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, " I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"

God is not so much a lighthouse that we have to move towards to get out of trouble



Rather, He is like a shepherd who picks us up and carries us away from danger



# Living God's Presence

Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.

## Psalm 73:23–24

<sup>23</sup>Nevertheless I am continually with You;  
You have taken hold of my right hand.

<sup>24</sup>With Your counsel You will guide me,  
And afterward receive me to glory.

# Discussion Questions

- 1) In addition to the ones discussed above, what are some other assurances that God's omnipresence means to us?
- 2) If God is everywhere, then why do so many people, including many Christians, feel so abandoned and alone?

3) How does knowing that God is omnipresent help us as we go through life?

4) How will our understanding of God's relationship to us help us in our relationships with others?

5) If God is all around me and with me then why do not I feel His presence in some special obvious way?



6) Romans 8:9 reads, “However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you but if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.” If God is everywhere then how can someone not have the Spirit of Christ?

7) Matthew 18:20 says, “For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.” If God is omnipresent then is not He already in our midst all of the time anyway? So what does this verse mean?



# Situation

Floyd got saved around a year ago and when he started coming to your church you became friends. Though you know that no one completely cleans up every aspect of their life soon after becoming a Christian you have a suspicion that Floyd still regularly indulges in pornography. You have asked him about it and his reply is always that he used to be heavy into it but that stopped immediately after he got saved. Then one day you are at his house and you notice a pornography magazine that was carelessly left on a table. You notice that it is a recent issue. Just then Floyd walks into the room and sees what you have found. He stammers but cannot explain it away. You ask him to sit down. What will you say to him and how might God's omnipresence prove to be a deterrent?