

Outline

Intro:

I. God's _____ Towards You

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A. God's _____ in You Psalm 18:17-19; 35:27;
147:11; 149:4; Proverbs 3:11-12; 11:20;

Psalm 18:17-19 (NASB) 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, And from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me. 18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the LORD was my stay. 19 He brought me forth also into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me.

Psalm 147:11 (NLT2) 11 No, the LORD's delight is in those who fear him, those who put their hope in his unfailing love.

Matthew 3:16-17



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B. God _____ Over You

Zephaniah 3:17 (NASB) 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.



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C. God _____ for You to Know Him

1 Timothy 2:3-4 (NASB) 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Peter 3:9 (NASB) 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

John 4:23-24



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D. God's Initiative in _____ Us

Romans 5:8 (NASB) 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4:19 (NASB) 19 We love, because He first loved us.



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E. God's Enduring _____ For Us

Jeremiah 31:3 (NASB) 3 The LORD appeared to him from afar, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.

John 15:9 (NASB) 9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

Romans 8:28-39



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II. When Does God's Presence Go _____ Us?

Catherine Marshall's story

- A. Trying, Difficult Circumstances Joshua 1:5-9;
Isaiah 41:10; 43:1-7; Zephaniah 3:15-17; Hebrews 13:5-6
- B. When Suffering 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-10
- C. In Disease 2 Kings 20:1-6
- D. In Difficult Decisions Ps 16:8; Mt 1:18-25
- E. In Death Ps 16:10-11 Ps 23:4



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- F. In Ministry and Discipling / Parenting / Grandparenting
Matthew 28:19-20
- G. When Tired of Sinning / in Times of Temptation
Romans 5:12-21; James 4:4-10 Luke 7:36-50; 15:1-32;
Revelation 3:20;
- H. When Alone / Forsaken John 8:29; 16:32; Psalm 27:10;
2 Timothy 4:16-18



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III. When Does God's Presence come _____ us?

- A. At The New Birth / Conversion / 1 Corin 12:3,13
John 3:3-6; John 14:16-20; Titus 3:5

John 14:16-20 (NASB) 16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 "After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. 20 "In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.



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- B. When we Walk in Love and Obedience Jn 14:21,23 Rev 3:20
John 14:21 (NASB) 21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."
John 14:23 (NASB) 23 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.
- C. Ever-Present Indwelling Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ Eph 3:14-19; 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19; Col 1:27; 2:6-7



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Ephesians 3:16-19 (NASB) 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.



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1 Corinthians 3:16 (NASB) 16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Colossians 1:27 (NASB) 27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Conclusion: She Asked Is God Really There? How do you handle an agnostic first grader? By Lois Keffer

1 John 4:16 (NASB) 16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.



Message slides:

God's Christmas Gifts

Purity

Matthew 1:22-25 (NASB)



Presence

Matthew 1:18-21 (NASB)



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C.S. LEWIS

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God's Attitudes
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9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

John 15:9 (NASB)



- I. God's Attitudes Towards You
- II. When Does God's Presence Go *With Us?*

Good times, bad times, hard times,
trying times, lonely times, sick times,
dying times



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- II. When Does God's Presence
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- III. When Does God's Presence
Come In Us?



A. At the New Birth / Conversion



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B. When We Walk in Love / Obedience

John 14:23 (NASB)

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24 And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife,

Matthew 1:24 (NASB)



25 but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

Matthew 1:25 (NASB)



- A. At the New Birth / Conversion
- B. When We Walk in Love
- C. Ever-Present Indwelling
Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ



Presence

Matthew 1:18-21 (NASB)





"I've experienced His Presence in the deepest darkest hell that men can create ... I have tested the promises of the Bible, and believe me, you can count on them."

CORRIE TEN BOOM

SAVINGSOULSMINISTRIES

Questions

1. Please share with the group one of your most close times with one of your parents when you were growing up, or even as an adult.
2. Please share a time when you felt God was very close to you.
3. Please share a time when you felt God was distant.



Questions (continued)

4. Of the five attitudes that were shared in the sermon that God has towards you, which one stood out to you? Why? Which Scripture spoke to you the most?
 - A. God's Delight in You
 - B. God Rejoices Over You
 - C. God Desires for You to Know Him
 - D. God's Initiative in Loving Us
 - E. God's Love For Us
5. What thoughts or beliefs inside of you "argue" against some of the attitudes that the Bible says God has towards you?



Questions (continued)

6. Of the 8 times when God's Presence goes with us, which one have you recently battled with or are going through now?
- A. Trying Difficult Circumstances
 - B. When Suffering
 - C. In Disease
 - D. In Difficult Decisions
 - E. In Death
 - F. In Ministry and Discipling / Parenting / Grandparenting
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Questions (continued)

7. How does the fact that God dwells in us, as stated in John 14:16-20,21,23 and Ephesians 3:16-19 and 1 Corinthians 3:16 help you in your spiritual walk?
8. The fact that God desires to have a relationship and friendship with us is clearly stated in the Bible. How does this encourage you to want to pursue Him, when you know He is pursuing you?



Questions (continued)

John 15:14-16 (NASB) 14 "You are My friends if you do what I command you. 15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

9. What is the big take-away for you from this Sunday's message?

