



❖ MESSAGE NOTES

OMNI: OmniPresent ~ Week 5

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me. If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night," Even the darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You. ~ Psalm 139:7-12

"Am I a God who is near," declares the Lord, "And not a God far off?" "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. ~ Jeremiah 23:23-24

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 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. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ~ John 14:16-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ~ Colossians 1:15-17.

~ THE TRUTH OF THE OMNIPRESENCE OF GOD ~

- 1) Confronts Us
- 2) Challenges Us
- 3) Comforts Us

~ A.W. TOZER ~

"The wings of the dove do not weigh it down, but they carry it and support it. Likewise the thought of God is never a burden. It is a gentle breeze which bears us up, a hand which supports us and raises us alight. It guides us and enlivens us even when we do not feel it working in us."

When God seems far away, guess who moved?

❖ DIVE IN! ~ Discussion Questions

1. What was one thing Pastor G said this week that spoke directly to you?
2. Are you inspired by that to make a decision, make a change, or take some action in your life?

◆ **READ:** *Psalm 139:7-12 and Jeremiah 23:23-24*

1. David and Jeremiah are convinced that God is always nearby and actively engaged in interacting with them. Pastor G defined Deism and talked about how different it is from Biblical Christianity. Can you summarize the differences in your own words? As you heard that definition of deism, do you feel like you lean toward Deism with your perspective on God's nearness and involvement with His creation on a daily basis? Why or why not? If so, what would it take to convince you that a personal relationship with your Creator is possible where you see Him actively engaged with your life like David and Jeremiah did?

◆ **READ:** *John 14:16-20 and Colossians 1:15-17*

1. While the Holy Spirit has always been present in Creation (He is one in essence and co-eternal with the Father and the Son) in John 14 Jesus is promising a new type of relationship with Him once Jesus returns to the Father in Heaven. Jesus says the Holy Spirit will "abide with" believers and that the Holy Spirit will be "in" believers in the same way that Jesus is "in the Father" we will be "in Jesus" and He will be "in us." Pastor G illustrated this with a sponge and a bucket of water. Did you find that illustration helpful in understanding what Jesus was talking about in this passage? Why or why not? How does this passage, and Pastor G's illustration, inform your understanding of the Omnipresence of God?
2. How does Colossians 1 :15-17 speak to both the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of the Omnipresence of God?
3. Greg shared that the Omnipresence of God Confronts Us, Challenges Us and Comforts Us. Can you share any examples from your life that illustrate this?