

GOD IS EVERYWHERE

The Omniscience of God

Dr. Wayne Grudem: "Omnipresence means God does not have size or spatial dimensions and is present at every point of space with his whole being, yet God acts differently in different places."

1. THREE MAGNITUDES OF GOD'S PRESENCE

A. God's Presence is **Immanent**.

"Immanent"--meaning as close to something as is possible.

Acts 17:23b-27, God is close to all objects in the creation, including every person.

The Holy Spirit is working within the unbeliever's conscience convicting them of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8-11). The Holy Spirit indwells believers to minister within us and through us.

B. God's presence is **Immense**.

"Immense"--meaning present at every possible place in the creation.

Jeremiah 23:21-26

"Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD.

C. God's Presence is **Transcendent**.

"Transcendent"--meaning uncontained by the creation—over and beyond its boundaries.

1 Kings 8:26-27

But will God indeed live on earth? Even heaven, the highest heaven, cannot contain You, much less this temple I have built.

Though we may not be able to see it, hear it, or feel it with our senses, there is a spiritual dimension as well. God occupies this dimension just as totally as He does the physical creation.

2. TWO MODES OF GOD'S PRESENCE

What does Scripture imply when it describes God, Jesus, or the Spirit inhabiting a particular location?

Exodus 25:22, God in the Tabernacle.

There are two distinct modes of operation that qualify the presence of God when it is referred to in Scripture:

A. His presence to bless. Psalm 34:18, Psalm 145:18.

God makes his presence known as he works to sustain us, protect us, encourage us emotionally, or confirm our faith.
And in these ways He works to bless us.

B. His presence to judge. Proverbs 15:29, Jonah 1:12-16.

3. THE POWER OF GOD'S PRESENCE FOR BELIEVERS.

A. To Protect Us from sin--restraining us from engaging in sin.
Luke 12:2-3

B. To Comfort Us, John 14:15-17, 23.

The promise of the change in the operation of the Holy Spirit.
Jesus promised He would send the Holy Spirit to comfort His disciples by dwelling in them.

- 1) The Spirit is present to **assure** you that your salvation is secure.
Romans 8:14-16.
- 2) The Spirit is present to **comfort** us in our afflictions.
Acts 19 The riot that drove Paul out of Ephesus.
2 Corinthians 1:3-4, The comfort of God despite death threats.
- 3) The Spirit is present to **teach us** how Jesus wants us to live.
John 14:24-26.

C. To Grow Us, John 15:4-5.

Growth in spiritual strength depends on a strong and consistent connection to Jesus and His teaching.

Psalm 73:3, 21-28.

A testimony to the comfort of God's Omnipresence.