

Coromandel Baptist Church
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The God Who Seeks For....ME!

1. Of which God do we speak?

- The God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ
 - He who made the heavens and the earth, and created human beings in his image
 - He who spoke to his servants the prophets, and who has spoken to us most fully in his Son, Jesus
 - And he who, most surprisingly, seeks for us to find us and to bring us to himself.

2. Why does he seek for us?

- Because we are lost.
 - The human race, represented in our first parents Adam and Eve, have rebelled against him and have tried to hide from him.
 - Genesis (the book of beginnings) tells us how God came to find our lost parents, and how they tried to hide from him (Genesis 3:8)
- And because he wants us to be found. He loves us and wants to bless us.
 - He has great joy in finding his lost children and rejoices over their homecoming (Luke 15:11-32)
 - Because his ways are not like our ways (Isaiah 55:6-13)

3. Why do we try to hide from him?

- Because we are ashamed. We have rebelled against him, and we are guilty...so like naughty children we try to hide from our heavenly Father.
 - This hiding is not of the physical sort, but of the moral and spiritual sort...to be 'lost' is to be 'dead' to God (Luke 15:24)
 - We are so lost that we do not even realize we are running away from God until he comes to find us.
 - We are so lost we have become his enemies, and we hate him (Romans 5:6-11; Ephesians 2:1-10)

4. How does God seek us out?

- The whole story of the Bible is the account of the ways in which we have tried to hide from God and forget him (by rebelling against him) and how he has come to seek us out.
 - The Bible is the story of the God who seeks out his rebellious children in order to bring them back into relationship with himself.
- He sends his Son to *seek* and *save* that which was lost (Luke 19:10). He is the Son of God, and also truly human...the Son of Man.
 - Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks for his lost sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-31 cf. Luke 15:1-10; John 10)
 - Jesus comes to save his lost sheep. He alone is the one who can bring us back to the Father by saving us from our sin (Matthew 1:21; John 1:29; Acts 3:26; 4:12; 5:31). He took our sins out of the way by bearing them up in his body on the cross (1 Peter 2:24)
 - Our heavenly Father now commands us to come repent and to come to him, through Jesus whom he has sent for us (Acts 17:30-31).