

# **Living in the Presence of the Lord**

# **No Christian Desires Separation From God**

- **Our lives are to be lived near to God – Acts 17:27; Psa. 139:7-10; 22:1-2; Mt. 27:46**
- **We will sometimes feel this separation – Psa. 23:4; 13:1; 10:1**
- **We experience these feelings when...**
  - **Distressed – Mt. 27:46**
  - **In trouble – Psa. 22:11**
  - **We sin – Isa. 59:1-2**

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# **How We Can Be In His Presence**

- **In heaven in God's actual presence – Lk. 1:19; Zech. 6:5; Jn. 12:26; 14:2-3**
- **In true worship God's presence is with us – Jn. 4:24; Psa. 95:2; 100:2; Mt. 18:20**
- **Through obedient lives with a consciousness that God sees and knows all, we live in His presence – Acts 10:33; 2 Cor. 2:17; 1 Tim. 6:13-14; Heb. 4:13**

# How to have a sense of **God's Abiding Presence?**

- The key is the connection between being “in the presence of the Lord” and “living for the Lord.”
  - God's plan is to transform us to be a people showing God's righteousness by their lives – 2 Cor. 5:19, 21; Titus 2:11-12
  - This reconciliation into God's presence can only be maintained by living our lives by faith and obedience – Col. 1:21-23

# Conclusion

- **It should be our goal to know God's presence in our lives.**
- **To live in God's presence you must...**
  - **Live faithfully, realizing God's watchful eye over you and your deeds**
  - **Worship joyfully, being aware of His presence**
  - **Then you can actually be with God in heaven.**
- **Do you desire to live in God's presence?**