

God's Great Pursuit

Paul's message in Athens continues.

*The God who made the world and everything in it¹ is the Lord of heaven and earth² and does not live in temples built by hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything,³ because He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.⁴ From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.⁵ **God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.**⁶*

Acts 17:24-27 (bold added)

Anchored Truths ... that the World won't agree with.

- 1.) God, being the *Creator*, we're **Connected** to Him.
- 2.) God, being the *Top Boss*, we **Answer** to Him.
- 3.) God, being *Immortal*, we're unable to **Control** Him.
- 4.) God, being the *Life Giver*, we're **Dependent** on Him.
- 5.) God, being the *Designer*, we have **Value / Purpose**.
- 6.) **God, being Relational**, we have a potential _____.

The benefit of a **true friend**

Is that you don't have to

C _____ them
to want to spend time with you.

Our Part Is Easy

- **To Seek God** ~ _____ in the right Direction.
The Opposite Direction of the World - 2 Cor. 3:16
- **To Reach Out** ~ _____ in the right Things.
The Word— Personal Study & through teaching
Prayer— alone and with others
Fellowship / Serve / Live in the Light (1 John 1:7)
Don't do these alone!

God's Story of wanting to **C** _____.

It **Started** and **Stopped** in a **Garden**.

(They) heard the sound of the LORD God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, ...
Genesis 3:8

It began taking **Shape** with a **Tent**. (*Tabernacle*)

"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.
Exodus 25:8 [see Ex. 40:34-35]

It became more "**Solid**" / established with a **Temple**.

And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled his temple. 1 Kings 8:11

There was a **Solution** with **Jesus**.

John 14:1-3

"The virgin will be with child ... and they will call Him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." Matthew 1:23

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, ...
John 1:14

by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body,
Hebrews 10:20

It's to be in**Side** us. The **Holy Spirit**.

John 14:17

... For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.
2 Corinthians 6:16

The **Destination C** _____ - **Happy Ending**

... "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.
Revelation 21:1-3

I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom.
Matthew 26:29

Question: How _____ are you making God work ... ?

Optional Reading: Notice "Seeking God" (13 chapters)

Deut. 4 1 Chron. 28 2 Chron. 14,15, 20 Psalm 22, 27, 78
Isaiah 45 & 55 Lamentations 3 Luke 11 Hebrews 11