

**16 April 2017 - Easter Day**

**Readings:** Acts 10:34–43; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1–10.



**INTRO: Presence restored – Matthew 28:9**, “And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.”



## **I. FEAR NO PRESENCE.**

**Genesis 3:8**, “And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife **hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God...**”

**Proverbs 9:10**, “The **fear of the Lord** is the beginning of wisdom...”

Cf. **Acts 10:34-35**, “Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone **who fears him** and does what is right is acceptable to him.”

**Romans 3:23; 6:23**, “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... the wages of sin is death, **but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**”

**Matthew 28:5, 10**, “But the angel said to the women, ‘**Do not be afraid**’... Then Jesus said to them, ‘**Do not be afraid...**’”

**John 20:19-20**, “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for **fear of the Jews**, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “**Peace be with you.**” When he had said this, **he showed them his hands and his side.** Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.”

“Were you there when they crucified (nailed him to the tree, laid him in the tomb, raised him from the tomb) my Lord? Were you there...? Oh, sometimes it causes me to **tremble, tremble, tremble.**”



## **II. CLOTHED IN PRESENCE.**

**Genesis 3:21**, “And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins **and clothed them.**”

**Isaiah 61:10**, “I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For **He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness.**”

**Galatians 3:26-27**, “So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed yourselves** with Christ.”

**2 Corinthians 5:21**, “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him **we might become the righteousness of God.**”



### III. INDWELT BY PRESENCE.

**John 14:17, 23**, “the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be **IN** you... Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and **we will come to them and make our home with them.**” **John 20:22**,

“he **breathed on them** and said to them, “**Receive the Holy Spirit.**”

**Rom. 8:10**, “If God himself has **taken up residence in your life**, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him. Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed this invisible but clearly present God, the Spirit of Christ, won’t know what we’re talking about. But for you who welcome him, **in whom he dwells**—even though you still experience all the limitations of sin—you yourself experience life on God’s terms.”



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**CONCLUSION:** The OT was a “visitation culture”. The church is a “habitation culture.” We look forward to growing with you! Amen 😊