SOMEONE WHO WILL ALWAYS BE THERE

Malachi 3:6

Introduction: Nothing seems to stay the same, ever notice that when visiting an old neighborhood you once lived in? What about seeing friends or family members you've not seen in a long time? Seems everything and everybody is changing except "you." Wouldn't it be nice to know someone who will never be getting older, who won't be changing and who will always be there for you? For the Christian there is somebody like that. God! Sometimes it does the Christian good to go back and remember some things that get forgotten about God, for instance:

I. GOD NEVER CHANGES

- 1. There is nothing about God that needs changing.
 - Exodus 3:6, 14- "...I Am that I Am..."
 - Malachi 3:6 "...I change not..."
 - James 1:17 "...there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning..."
 - Hebrews 13:8 "...Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow..."
- 2. There is no change in any part of God.
 - His nature
 - His character
 - His thoughts
 - His will
 - His greatness
 - His goodness
 - His intelligence
 - His goodness
- 3. Not changing does not mean that God is inactive or immobile or unable though.
 - God is perfect therefore no change is needed.
 - God may change the manner in which He deals with man, but He NEVER changes.
 - God offers man the freedom to CHANGE.
 - His promises are exactly that promises and they never change, they happen.
 - His desires for mankind never change, He wants only the best for man.
 - What is right is right, no in between, God never changes.
 - Salvation is Salvation, His way and He never changes.
 - Warnings are Warnings with God, He never changes.
 - Those who are lost, stay lost till they turn to Jesus, God never changes.

II. GOD IS EVERYWHERE AT THE SAME TIME

- 1. Hard to believe, impossible to understand, but God is present, totally everywhere at all times.
 - Parents sometimes seem to have this ability when their kids try to sneak around.
 - God is everywhere in the entire universe at the same time.
 - There is no place in the universe where God is not.

- 2. The unbeliever is in God's presence, but God's presence is not in the unbeliever.
 God indwells those who are His through their belief in His Son, Jesus.
- 3. God's throne is beyond the heavens of this universe.
 - "...But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?" (1 Kings 8:27)
- 4. God can reveal Himself in a specific place: Tower of Babel, the Mountain with Moses, over Israel as they were in the wilderness, over the Ark of the Covenant, in the Holy of Holies, *"...Our Father, who art in Heaven..."*

CONCLUSION:

- 1. For the Christian there is someone who never changes, someone who will always be there and that is the Heavenly Father, God.
- 2. No power in heaven or earth or under the earth can take the Christian away from his/her Heavenly Father, God. God indwells every believer, sealing His child forever.
- 3. Isn't it reassuring and comforting to know that the Heavenly Father never changes, that the Christian is eternally secure and has a home in God's Heaven awaiting him/her?
- 4. If God is even bigger and greater than one can possibly grasp, then why isn't He obeyed?
- 5. If God is within the Christian and the Christian is within God permanently, then who or what can possible overcome that Christian?
- 6. If God is everywhere at the same time, then it is impossible for anyone to hide from God. (*Jonah 1:1-3*)
- 7. If one climbed to the highest peak in the world or flew to the outermost part of space looking for God, he/she could have stayed home and found God there as well.
- 8. Isn't it wonderful that Almighty God, so great, immense, limitless, is so interested in people and wants to live among and within those who would let Him.
- 9. Never think you are alone, or that nobody cares, or that you are unable to do anything, your Heavenly Father is always there with you, loves you and has something He wants you to do for Him.