

# **How Close is God?**

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It is not easy, even for believers, to live without fear and worry while we are here on earth. That's because most of us do not realize that we are never alone, God is always with us. He is even with the unbelievers! It is God's breath in our nostrils that gives us life.

### Genesis 2:7

**And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

Our breath from God is also known as the spirit (small "s") of God in our nostrils.

### Job 27:3

**All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;**

God's spirit, His breath, is found in, and connects all living things.

### Acts 17:24-25

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, **seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;**

See how it works? When God takes away our breath, we die, and when He sends out his spirit (breath) we are created.

Psalm 104:29-30

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: **thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust. Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created:** and thou renewest the face of the earth.

If you are worried about abandonment, just take a breath and remember that you could not do that if God's spirit was not in your nostrils!

Now, as a believer, you have so much more security! The unbelievers, when they draw their final breath, lose their connection to God, and sadly, the chance for salvation. The spirit that gave them life goes back to God without them. Their unsaved soul then goes to Hell.

### Ecclesiastes 12:7

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was:  
and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Believers have trusted Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection for their salvation, and have been sealed by the Holy Spirit (capital "S")—permanently—until the day of redemption.

### Ephesians 1:13

**In whom ye also trusted**, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also **after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**,

### Ephesians 4:30

And grieve not the **holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption**.

And this is the Day of Redemption:

### 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and

remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

We know we can have faith in everything God has told us through His word.

### Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, **the evidence of things not seen.**

God assures us that He is not a man and He does not lie. He does not say something, and then changes His mind. If God tells us something through His word, He will absolutely do it.

### Numbers 23:19

**God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?**

There are those people who have been to churches where proof of salvation was required. (Most of the time, this consists of being able to speak in tongues, which is not “for

us” in this dispensation of the grace of God.) Paul gives us a dispensational way to “prove” to ourselves that we have the Holy Ghost in our hearts—24/7!

### 1 Corinthians 12:3

**Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.**

The next time abandonment issues or doubts trouble you, please try taking a deep breath and remember that God allowed you to do that. (That’s how close He is to you.) If you doubt your salvation, remember that you know that Jesus is Lord, and you cannot know that unless the Holy Ghost is in your heart. Paul tells us that you cannot understand the things that the Holy Ghost teaches without the Holy Ghost.

### 1 Corinthians 2:12-14

**Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the**

words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**