

Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

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How should a Christian live in days of uncertainty? Many people are asking and wondering... is God in control?

Psalm 47:7-8 – *“For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with understanding. **God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.**”*

Yes, my friend, God is now, and has forever, been in absolute control!

Here are some things to remember as a child of God:

God is everywhere. Jeremiah 23:24 – *“Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?” says the LORD; ‘Do I not fill heaven and earth?’ says the LORD.”*

God has all knowledge. Hebrews 4:13 – *“And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”*

God’s ways are perfect. Psalm 18:30 – *“As for God, **His way is perfect**; the word of the LORD is proven; **He is a shield to all who trust in Him**”.*

God is righteous. Psalm 145:17 – *“...the LORD is **righteous in all His ways**, gracious in all His works.”*

God is forgiving. Exodus 34:6-7 – *“The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, **forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin ...**”*

God is patient. 2 Peter 3:9 – *“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is **longsuffering toward us**, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”*

Another question people are asking is this... **How can a loving God allow evil to happen in the world?**

There seems to be a question in the minds of many... is God still good?

Genesis 1:31 – “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed **it was very good.**”

The problems we see today all started in the Garden of Eden with the first family.

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

The reason this first family hid themselves from the presence of the Lord is because they sinned against a good God.

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned ...” Romans 5:12.

My friend, keep this newsletter nearby. Use it to answer these questions that come to you from family and friends. The problem is man and not God.

So, how should a Christian live in these days of uncertainty?

Matthew 6:19-21 - “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, **there your heart will be also.**”

Do your part in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:18-20 – “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”

Abiding above,



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PS – I have been informed that kind, generous, and loving donors have covered the printing of 10,000 gospel tracts that my good friend Brad Jolly and I wrote some years ago. This is the second printing! That means 10,000 tracts have been placed in 10,000 hands. To God be the glory!