



Dear Friend of Abiding Above,

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Summer is past and a beautiful autumn is approaching with the color of the leaves changing. I heard someone say one time, *"Isn't it a joy to watch the leaves die in the autumn?"* Now that's funny and true all at the same time. It's hard to understand how people could look up and out at creation and not see ... ***there must be a God.***

What does the Bible say about this? Well, in **Romans 1:19-22** we read, *"They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools."* (NLT)

You see, for someone to believe there is a God is to also believe that God is the One Who put me here in the first place and is in charge of me. That is the reason the vast majority of the people on earth try to explain away God. Oh, how sad! The very One they need they reject and that rejection will be eternal if they do not bow their knees to a wonderful and loving heavenly Father Who sent His Son Jesus to die on a cross spilling His blood as the substitute for their sin and sins.

When you think of this earth that God created in the first place, it is just the right distance from the sun, 93 million miles. If it were more or less, life on this earth could not survive. The tilt of the earth is what causes the four seasons, and makes the cultivation of the land possible. The rotation of the earth is not accidental. Finely tuned to just the right speed in its orbit around the sun, it disburses the warmth of the sun uniformly and generates winds and ocean currents.

Beyond the earth, how big is the universe? No one can possibly know other than the One Who created it all, the God of the Bible. Here is an inadequate glimpse of the size of the universe:

Sir James Jean said that, *"There are probably as many stars as there are grains of sand on all the beaches of the world. Yet, the stars are not crowded together. Rather, they are like lonely lightships on an ocean without shores."*



My friend, we have a wonderful God Who created it all, and that includes you and me. He has created you and me to live our lives ordered in such a way that we make the most of our time, talents, money, and any resource to point people on the earth to the one true God.

Jesus was asked by doubting Thomas, *"How do we know the way to heaven?"* Jesus said in **John 14:6** - *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."*

This is what we do here at Abiding Above Ministries. We keep telling the same old gospel story of Jesus and His love. Since the beginning man continues to run from God and God continues to love man. The most well known and endearing verse in all of the Bible has to be **John 3:16** - where Jesus said, *"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."* (NLT)

As I have continually said since the founding of Abiding Above Ministries more than 10 years ago now, ***"There are really only two kinds of people on the earth - lost and saved. To the lost we must preach 'Christ Died For You,' and to the saved we must preach, 'You Died With Christ.'"***

The song in my heart continues:

*"I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams;
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me,
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee."*

Our lives are just a moment in time, and the best way we can invest our time here on earth is through taking the gospel to all the people here and around the world. This is what Abiding Above Ministries is committed to doing through the radio and Internet. My friends, it is your financial gifts that make this happen. I want to thank you for your faithful prayers and support. May God richly bless you and your family.

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Colossians 3:1-3