

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: When God Isn't There

Week 13: Sooner Than We Deserve, But Not As Soon as We Desire

Absence longs to be reconciled to presence. God is absent from us in a multiplicity of ways. Our story will end in reconciliation.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16.

1 Corinthians 15:35-44; 51-53.

1 Thessalonians 4:17.

Revelation 21:1-2;5.

Revelation 21:22. There is no more need for containment, mediation, rules, or boundaries. God removes all of them when His presence becomes the way we interact with His presence.

REVELATION 21:3.

There will no longer be absence between our home & God's home.

The presence we always longed for will be with us in a way we never could have imagined.

The presence of God will blot out even the faintest aroma of absence.

Jesus' return will bring the most profound moment of presence, but it will also bring the most devastating mode of absence.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9.

For many, the day of the Lord's presence will be the beginning of His absence.

Hell will be an absence like nothing we've ever experienced. Hell is complete separation, absolute absence.

Romans 3:10, 23.

God refuses to act in love at the expense of His holiness or in holiness at the expense of His love.

Romans 3:26.

Romans 10:9.

Presence is on its way. We deserve absence. Jesus is God's presence made perfect.

We wait for God to return sooner than we deserve but not as soon as we desire.