

from each one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being.

In this passage we learn that God is not far from each human being. He is near every human being in the world, wherever he or she may be. In fact, we live "in" God and move "in" God and have our being "in" God. The conclusion is inescapable: God is everywhere! In fact, God is our environment! We live and move and have our being in Him. And this is true of the Spirit of God

The fifth reference is the classic one, and is found in Psalm 139:1-12.

In verses 1-6 we learn that the Lord knows everything about us. Although one might get the impression from the second half of verse 2 ("you perceive my thoughts from afar") that God is far away and knows us only from a distance, that idea is ruled out by verses 7-12, where we learn that God is not far away from us, but rather very near. In fact, wherever we go, God is already there! No matter whether we go up to the heavens (to the heights) or down to Sheol (to the depths), or far away to the most remote place on the earth, God is already there. We cannot get away from the very presence of the Spirit of God, for His presence is everywhere!

The Bible clearly teaches that the Spirit is omnipresent. He fills the universe with His presence! And since the heavens cannot contain Him, we can say that if the universe turns out to be finite in size, then the Holy Spirit transcends the physical universe!

These truths form the background for our next study, which relates to the Holy Spirit's ministry of indwelling.