

1. Phil 4:4-5 *the Lord is near* . Last time: temporal - 2nd cmg - 1Pt 1:13.
2. *near*: spatial: proximity, present. *The Abiding Presence* by Hugh Martin

1st: The Jesus Who Promises to be Present with Us

1. Jesus of the gospels promises to be with us - Mat 28:16-20; [1C15:6].
2. Jesus Himself. *Lord is near* - How?

2nd: The Jesus Who is Present in the Person of His Spirit

1. Trauma: Jesus is leaving? Disciples?
2. Upper room - Jn 13:33-38. Where are You going? 14:2-6
3. Taught re: HS - Jn 14:16-23. *Another Helper* = "Paraclete": *abide* = live w/; *abode* = dwelling place. Triune God. v26
4. Chpt 15 - branches to vine - fruit - v11. What will HS do? 15:26-27; 16:13-15 [*Abiding Presence* p.21].
5. *The Lord is near* - by the person & work of HS - [Rm 8:35-39; Ps 139:7-10]
6. Personal piety - Mat 28:16-20 = present w/ gathered church. Means of grace. Church as temple [1C 3:16; Eph 2:219f; 2Pt 2] also your body - 1C 6:19.
7. Final thot - [*If you love Me you will keep My commands*] - but think of being w/ Jesus & Jesus being w/ you - gives you gentle kingdom joy: Phil 4:4-5