

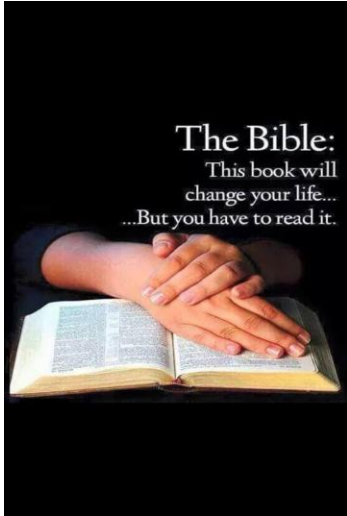
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Rx For The Soul



## How To Know That You KNOW God...

A first-grade teacher asked her class how many of them knew George Washington. With enthusiasm, every hand went up...! But how many of them actually knew George Washington? Nada. Zero.

They knew **of** him, yet not one of them actually knew him. They *thought* they did thoroughly convinced they did!

Perhaps there is no better analogy of today's 'church', full of people convinced they know the God of the universe...but only know **about** Him from background, "religion", or by osmosis from family members.

How can we verify whether we **do** know Him...?

I've met religious types who will fight you over whether you *can* know that you know God! ...they say it's self-righteous on our parts to think we do! They just don't know scripture, for fact is, God *wants us to know* - not just hang in limbo til we die, *hoping*. Muslims do that! Even Mohammad said he didn't know he was safe before dying

'Knowing' is important to God, which is why Jesus said, "Herein is eternal life that you *know* the only true God & Jesus Christ whom You have sent."<sup>1</sup> More, "If you continue in My word, you will *know* the truth and the truth shall make you free."<sup>2</sup> Five times in the fifth chapter of the first letter of John, he says we can know...

God doesn't want ours to be a journey of endless seeking or aimless wandering. No. He wants us to *know*... With certainty. With confidence. And with boldness. Paul asked his followers to pray for him, that he "might preach the gospel with boldness as it ought to be preached." God *wants* you to KNOW that you know Him!

Because they don't know scripture, many inside *what is perceived as the church*, don't realize they're serving another Jesus, unaware that Paul clearly warns there's

"another gospel, another Jesus, and a different Spirit."

He said this to his intellectual peers! So we'd better *know* if we're serving the *real* Jesus!

This 'other' Jesus and accompanying doctrines, are described as "angels of light".<sup>3</sup> You'll find these at New Age festivals & books where new or deeper understanding is described as 'illumination'.

But 'ministers of light' are everywhere - the Mormon Jesus, the Jehovah Witness of 'rules' are only two. Romans 10:1-3 says *these will not submit to God's plan of righteousness!* There's the Jesus who wants you rich, ordains gays, & rejects hell. We're to take no part in works of **darkness**, exposing them. Paul named them- and said '*don't be like them.*'<sup>4</sup>

The devil is in the deception business! His best ones are *making believers feel condemned* and *making unbelievers feel okay*. Don't be in either category. Stick to scripture as your plumbline!

Here's what it says: God has called all men everywhere to repent,<sup>5</sup> and then, that we should "bear fruit that befits repentance."<sup>6</sup> Are you bearing fruit? Or are you like the dead sea?

Romans 8 is a great place to learn where you are. 'The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.' That 'as many as are led of the Spirit are sons of God.' So - do you wait on the Holy Spirit?... Or do you just follow the flesh's leanings?

Do you know the Holy Spirit? Its important - He's comforter, guide, counselor, comforter, advocate, teacher.

When God told Adam he would die the day he ate of the forbidden fruit, he really did. In Spirit! So, we need an awakening, (born again) to become a new creation!

Do you want to please God?

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, & that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."<sup>7</sup> Do you believe God is a REWARDER? Or *judge*? You *must*, it says.

But! Faith without works, is dead.<sup>8</sup> Even the demons believe in God - and tremble! Are demons **1 up on you**- with enough sense to tremble? God is holy.

Jesus warned if we put our hand to the work of the ministry, and *look back*, we're not worthy of Him! And He said if we value our children, our family - and their success! - more than Him, we are not worthy of Him.<sup>9</sup> He wants you to know nothing/no one should surpass Him - to us!

To experience God's "nearness", we must pay the cost that any relationship of love & commitment demand; Time, attention & devotion... People put more planning into a vacation, than eternity!

The deceiver loves folks who hear the Word...as long as they don't obey it! So, be doers of the word, not hearers only, *deceiving yourselves.*<sup>10</sup> Note: The devil isn't in this picture!

Many people think peace should prevail no matter what among believers. But Jesus said "I didn't come to bring peace!"<sup>11</sup> No - a sword! Division-truth *divides*, friends.

Jesus foretold there would be two groups of deceived folks at the end. Both are religious. All ten virgins awaited the bridegroom, but half were left, unready. He said "I do not **know** you."<sup>12</sup>

Another group bragged of their holy deeds. Jesus said, "Depart from me workers of iniquity - I never **knew** you."<sup>13</sup> These aren't idle words. - You wouldn't take the time to know the real Me! Does He know you...by relationship?

I love those that thunder out the word! The church is in a deep sleep. Nothing but a loud voice can waken them out of it. *Geo. Whitfield*

If you are not concerned about your neighbor's salvation, then I am concerned for yours. *Ray Comfort*

"Anyone who isn't helping Me opposes me, & anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me." Luke 11:23



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Direction is much more important than speed. Many are going nowhere fast.

"If their houses were on fire, you would run to help them. And will you not help them when their souls are almost at the fire of hell?" @I\_am\_found

The human mind is the pinnacle of My creation, but so few use it for its primary purpose—**knowing Me.** *Jesus Calling*

I am so very grateful for my home, and that God has regarded me that 'place of rest' from the heaviness of the world.

I have meditated upon that aspect a lot recently. Rest for us is important to Jesus. He said so, when he said, "Come unto me and I will give you a place of rest..." He knows we need renewal and rest.

More, Hebrews 4 tells us 'there yet remains a Sabbath Rest for the people of God.' And that 'whoever has entered God's rest has rested from his works as God did from His.' What **ever** does that mean...? Question.

In the story of creation when God rested on the the seventh day, was he *tired*? No. He was **finished!** There's a big difference. And when the Lord of the Sabbath died on the cross, what were His

final words? **It. Is. Finished.** With those words, the curtain (40' wide x 20' tall x 4" thick) that separated men from God was ripped - *top to bottom.* Finished! Entry gained...

At last, there's rest from striving to please God, knowing what Jesus did was e.n.o.u.g.h. And rest from trying to be good enough, knowing Jesus took our place and was Himself good in our behalf in God's eyes! More, there's rest from our own good works because Jesus did it all, paying the ultimate price for our sin.

Newness of LIFE came to us. We don't live on a slippery slope next to failure or falling, because Jesus is not only our Savior, but also the Great Shepherd of our souls.<sup>14</sup> The Guardian Who will complete the work in us He started!<sup>15</sup> If we follow his principles,

we are promised that "we would *never fall.*"<sup>16</sup> **Yes!**

To someone like me who lived in bars for years, pursuing sin, I feared falling back into sin again. That is... until I learned this principal of R.E.S.T. Now I'm *happy, happy, happy* because I don't worry anymore! God's got my back...and He knows which way I'm facing—To Him! I now have **hope unleashed** and I'm able to be free indeed, for Him. Such liberty...! Amen.

Unlike Islam which reigns by brute force, imposing itself on all & binding followers to fear, Christians are free. Not one verse of caring or loving concern of love is found in the Quran. But - the only true God intervened in our world to bring *sweet grace & a place of rest* for us all. There couldn't be more polar opposites, Friend.



## Where to Look...?

**Dear Agatha:** I saw a man entering Walgreen's last week, whose shirt read in big letters, "I answer to no one." I thought to myself, that his shirt represents the lawlessness now in our world. Most of the world doesn't seem to want answers and certainly doesn't want any absolute truths from the Bible to curb their lusts! Can you explain to me why it is that darkness seems to dominate our world, whether it's the arts, news, politics or public opinion? I need insight here because it's hard for me to be positive anymore. **Fran.**

**Dear Fran:** One word comes to me, Fran, and that is *focus.* If you are a person who loves what is good, right and true like scripture desires, you may find that society calls good evil. right is ridiculed.

and that truth doesn't matter and that wrong is right!

What's more, just a glimpse of today's newscasts or sitcoms is depressing.

But.

We have to remember that where sin abounds, grace much more abounds. God's 'unmerited favor', or grace, is abundant for those who seek it. Our role is to search the highways and byways to 'compel' people to accept it! Why? *People don't know they're lost.* They don't understand they need to be freed from iniquity! To repent! Or that freedom is even available. This is why Jesus prayed "Forgive them they know not what they do."

The prodigal son was in a pigpen in a foreign land. He had to 'come to his senses'

before he realized his predicament, *due to a father's prayers!* ... Ever think of that? His father didn't stop praying when he was in the pits! That's what **we** need to do...! He discovered his need in a pigpen of life, like so many.

Fran, prayer initiates the work of God in people's lives. It's focusing on the possibilities! An outstretched hand often pulls them into the household of faith. Some *must* be pulled – or compelled.

We're on a mission. We must surround ourselves with those on the same mission! There is great support among like-minded people!

"The noble man makes noble plans & by noble deeds he stands."<sup>17</sup> This is *'an exalted moral character or excellence.* Think about this.

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