

Knowing God

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If a person desires it, how do they come to know God? Jesus was manifest to reveal God His Father to whosoever would know Him. This event occurred over two thousand years ago, so what of us who were not here when He was?

John 20:29 Jesus said to Thomas, you are blessed because you see Me, blessed are those who will not see Me, yet they believe.

If we can come to believe in Jesus, despite not seeing Him, we can have the same blessing as Thomas. So how do we come to believe, how do we know God?

I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead.

Philippians 3:10

John 20:31 The account of My life is written so that those who read will believe I am Christ.

Jesus gave us all the information we will ever need to be convinced of Him. There is no other book like the Bible be-

cause there is no other author like the one who wrote it. Jesus said His Words are life. The Bible is a living account of our Lord. If Jesus had not risen from the dead, the Bible would have died. It would just be another history book written by unreliable sources. His Word is alive and endures forever, even in Heaven. When the Jews delivered Jesus to Pilate, they thought they could anger him by saying that Jesus claimed to be a king.

John 18:37-38 To this end was I born, that I should bear witness of the truth. Everyone that is of the truth hears My voice. Pilate said to Him, what is truth?

Anyone who demands truth will hear God's voice when they read the Word. Folks who do not make the truth a priority will not be persuaded by the Word. Ultimately, they will come to their own conclusions and they will accept opinions as "their" truth. Pilate didn't know who to believe, the Jewish leaders or Jesus. In the end he believed Jesus because Jesus was willing to die for what He said. If Jesus had lied, He would have changed His story and saved His own life.

John 14:23 And Jesus said,

if a man love Me, he will keep (hold fast) My Word: and My Father will love him and we will come unto him and make our abode with him.

When you hear God's Word and believe it, you are telling God you love Him. You give Him a reason to come into your life and into your space. God is no longer exclusively in Heaven, He is also with you. Until a person believes, God remains in Heaven, but when they believe He brings Heaven to them. It is evident when a person knows God verses a person who knows about God. God is willing and waiting to know every person intimately. Some folks live to know their Lord. Others "survive" just fine without Him.

They don't know what they are missing.

When Jesus healed the blind man, the man said "I was blind but now I see." The man didn't know what he had been missing. Those who don't know Jesus are blind and they don't know what they are missing.

KNOWING GOD

My God

My God may be different than the God of other believers. Some believers think God wants them to go to Heaven but they must earn the right to gain acceptance. They must be “good” and do “good” things before God will consider them for a place in Heaven.

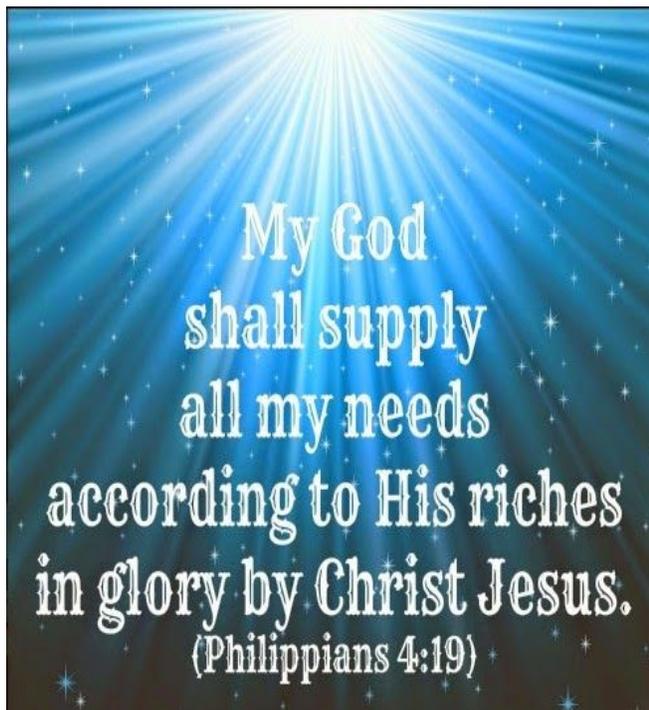
My God has prepared a mansion in Heaven for me, because I believe Jesus is His Son and God has raised Him from the dead. I am saved and going to Heaven because of His grace, not because I did anything to earn it. My God is my Savior, no one can do what He has done.

Some people believe God puts sickness on people because they ticked Him off. He won't provide healing because the day of healing passed away with the last apostle. They don't see their God as the healer, they view Him as the “punisher”. They don't believe they are worthy of God's supernatural power.

My God heals me daily because He daily loads me with benefits. My God put all of my diseases on His Son as He hung dying. By the stripes of my Lord and Savior, I am healed. If God were to put sickness on me, I would have

no business trying to get Him to heal me.

Some believers God demands humility in the form of poverty and lack. Some believe it is a sin to have wealth because Jesus told a man to sell his goods and give the money to the poor. Some people think feeding the poor is something one must do in order to get “good enough” to go to Heaven. Money is the root of all evil so it must be



regarded as “anti-christ”, something to be shunned.

My God supplies all my needs according to His heavenly reserves. He takes pleasure in my increase, He pours me out His blessing, I cannot contain them all. He gives me His supernatural power to get wealth. He gives me seed to sow so I can have a harvest of increase.

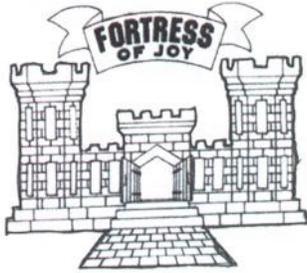
Acts 17:23 As I passed by I found an altar with this inscription: to the unknown God. Whom you ignorantly worship, him I declare unto you.

Paul wrote this letter two thousand years ago, I think his letter could apply to some folks today. Christians do not know the God they confess as their God. Jesus told a group of Jews one day, “you call me Lord, Lord, but you do not the things I tell you” (stop calling Me Lord because I am not). This may sound mundane and silly, but a lot of Christians need to meet their Savior.

Psalms 107:8 Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

If Christians can't see God for who He truly is, they can't properly praise Him. Jesus said we must worship Him in spirit and in truth. True worship comes from the heart when it's based on His Word. Singing a song out of a book is not worship, just singing is not worship. True worship is telling God you believe Him on account of His Word. My God should be every man's God, He should be every man's Savior.

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Ignorance

Some fool long ago coined a stupid phrase: **Ignorance is bliss**. This may apply to some situations in the world, but some Christians made doctrine out of it. Some folks believe that God will not hold them accountable because they just didn't know! So, consequently, they intentionally avoid all references of God from any sources. They are convinced God will overlook their errors because they just didn't know better.

Deuteronomy 30:19 Today, I give you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. I call on Heaven and Earth to witness the choice you make. Please choose life.

We only have two choices, eternal life in Heaven or eternal torment in Hell. If a fool clinging to his ignorance does

not choose life, there's but one alternative. God will not be mocked (made a fool of), men deceive only themselves. I am totally convinced that when men stand before God, not one will be able to offer an excuse. When we look into His eyes we are looking into the eyes of Love and Truth. There will be nothing any man can say that He

doesn't already know. This is not the time to be ignorant, it is time to press in and learn of

