

## KNOWING THAT YOU KNOW GOD

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Are you certain that you know God? A lot of people claim to know God. Do they really know Him? How can I be sure? If you want to know Him, you still may not. If you feel that you know Him, that won't do either, for feelings can be deceptive. How can I know that I know God? The Bible gives the answer...

“Now by this we know that we know Him,  
if we keep His Commandments.”

-1 John 2:3

We can know that we know God if we obey His commandments and do His will. God has not been silent as to what His will and commandments are. He has graciously revealed them in His word.

If we will daily read and study His word and apply it to our lives, we can be certain beyond a shadow of a doubt that we will know God. Do you know God? Begin now by obeying the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). 🔍

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00  
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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## THE VALUE OF GOD'S WORD

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God, through the Holy Spirit (**II Peter 1:20-21**, **I Corinthians 2:1-7**) and through the Bible authors was sure to comment about the Word itself. One of the more powerful spots this occurs is through the pen of Paul.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (*II Timothy 3:16-17*).

Take notice of the main messages we can learn upon scouring these verses.

**All Scripture** is the subject of these words. Whatever follows, it is about every single word in the Bible. That, my friends, is about 800,000 words in the English language.

**Is given by inspiration** simply is stating that the words in the Bible were “God-breathed.” Each and every word was inspired by God. Note, God did not plant “ideas” in the minds of the authors and “allow” them to work from that.

**Profitable** indicates the great and immense value in God's Word. You, nor I, will ever lay our eyes on other words which are more valuable — NEVER!

**Doctrine** just means “teaching.” When we teach, we need to be employing the God-breathed words of the Bible. Too many teachers and preachers today are straying from The Book. When we speak, it must be as the “oracles of God” (**I Peter 4:11**).

**Reproof** carries with it the idea of rebuking. The purpose of such actions is to stop sinful activity. The best way to warn like this is through the Word of God.

**Correction** is a milder version of rebuking. It really may have nothing to do with warning somebody. The Bible is always right, and should be utilized in determining correct from incorrect.

**Instruction in righteousness** is something we all need — a lesson in seeing what God has declared to be right. Guess where we can find such information. The Bible, of course.

On this day, we must know the Bible is for the purpose of **perfecting us** — that is, helping us to be mature children of God. We must know the Bible is for the purpose of **equipping us** to know and do the works of God. No other book can do this for us — only the Bible! Have you read it recently? -

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## REGRET

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Many good men and women of God have gone to their grave with the darkest of evils surrounding them because of their sin. The greatest example of this in the Bible is King David. A man after God's own heart, for most of his life, but also a man who died while drowning in pain because of his sins of sexual immorality, lying, and murder. Forgiven? Yes. Free from burden? Far from it. He had many dark days to endure before he left this world.

I imagine what had to hurt David the most was the thought of "what could have been" had he not given in to his temptations. How much better could his life (on earth) have been had he controlled himself that one day and not yield to the sins that followed? The world will never know. God let him know, though, that this decision ruined many earthly blessings.

I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.' (2 Sam. 12:7-11)

Trouble would remain in David's house for the rest of his days. Before he went to his grave, he had to witness the sins of his children: Amnon rape Tamar, Absalom murder Amnon, Absalom try to kill him for the throne, Absalom's death, and so on. David may have been forgiven of his sins with Bathsheba, but the consequences of those actions remained with him the rest of his days. Darkness tarried with him because of his sin (cf., 2 Sam. 13:30-31; 18:33).

Will you be wise and learn from the mistakes of others? Will you avoid the life-altering consequences of immorality, lying, and murder? If you have done these and similar sins, will you patiently endure the consequences? We will never know how life could have been for us had we not chosen certain sins in the past. Worry won't change that. We can, however, have confidence to "come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16). We can also choose to do right with whatever time we have left on earth. Our life does not have to be a total loss because of the grace and mercy available in Christ. David had enough sense to realize that his only hope of a better life was in the mercy of God (Psa. 38:21, 22). Will you make the same choice with your own sins? Be wise and return to God. What could have been on earth is not nearly as fatal as what will be for those who die apart from God. -

## SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

I. \_\_\_\_\_

II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_

STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11

### DUTY LIST...

#### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Ben Green
- Scripture Reading...Eli Todd  
Reading: 2 Peter 1:5-11
- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Lynn Buttrey  
Serve.....Michael Pickford  
Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Ben Reagh

#### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....Lynn Buttrey

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Invitation.....Eli Todd

### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;  
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

**Obey Today!**

**Thank You For Serving!**

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