

THE FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 2:3-6

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Knowing That We Know Him”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

TOPICAL REFERENCE:

Assurance, Security, Salvation

1 John 2:3-6

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

John Encourages Us

in Chapter 1:7-10

1 John 1:7-10

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Knowing That We Know Him

1.) Is Characterized by: **A Living Knowledge** vv. 3

Now by this we **know** that we **know** Him,
if we **keep** His **commandments**.

a.) A Living Knowledge: **By "Convincing Us"** vv. 3a

Now by this we (experientially) **know**...



know

grk 1097 ginosko (ghin-ocē'-ko)

an experiential knowing, a first-hand knowledge, to know
by exposure

We Are to Know What We Know

having a full understanding of what we claim to know

2 Timothy 1:12

For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know
whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have
committed to Him until that Day.

b.) A Living Knowledge: **By "Instructing Us"** vv. 3b

that we **know** Him,

Note This;

It Is "Him" That We Know



know

grk 1097 ginosko (ghin-ocē'-ko)

(in the perfect tense) is the knowledge of a definite and specific
place and or time of occurrence. And continuing on from the time.

2 Peter 1:10

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

c.) A Living Knowledge: By "Promising Us" vv. 3c

if we **keep** His **commandments**.

Internal Righteousness is of God

Matthew 5:20

"For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Indwelling Christ via the Holy Spirit

John 14:14-18

"If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. 15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- 17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

The Work of God

Philippians 2:13

for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

d.) A Living Knowledge: By "Comforting Us" vv. 3d

His **commandments**

His Word to us is understood and embraced because we really have come to an understanding that **He is at work for our best interest**

"His" commandments

THE COMMANDS ARE HIS -- NOT A MAN'S

Implying That;

The Christian Has An Internal Witness That Directs Them To Truth

John 10:27

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

The Christian **Hears** with an **Understanding**

((Like a Frequency in the Air))

The Christian **Follows** with a **Purpose**

((Like a Lamb toward the Shepherd))

The Passion we Have to Keep His Commands

is rooted in the fact that the more we obey Him, the better we know Him

Philippians 1:21

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

We Cannot Claim to Know (experience) Christ

and Not Keep His Commandments

When We Have a true Knowledge of Christ

we will experience an intuitive knowledge of His Will

Romans 2:13-15

(for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; 14 for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, 15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)

Knowing That We Know Him

2.) Is Characterized by: **A Self Examination** v. 4

He who says, "**I know Him,**" and does **not keep** His commandments,
is a **liar**, and **the truth** is not in him

a.) A Self Examination: **By Taking a Hard Look** v.4

He who says, "**I (experientially) know Him,**"
and does **not keep** His commandments,

WARNING:

Experiential Knowledge
is Not Experienced Based Theology

Many Christians Often Feel

Cheated Because They Have Not Had Some

Goose Bump - Burning in the Bosom - glow in the dark Experience

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?-- unless indeed you are disqualified.



Examine grk 3985 peirazo (pi-rad'-zo);
scrutinize, to search hard, to assay as an assayer

Matthew 7:24-26

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 "**Now everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand....**

is a liar...

Literally, His Life is a Lie

To Profess Christ and Possess Christ is a Liar

When The Bible Says

Matthew 7:20-23

20 "Therefore by their fruits you will know them. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

How do you know that You're
not one of them?

When The Bible Says

John 15:1-6

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

How do you know that You're
not one of them?

When The Bible Says

Revelation 3:5

"He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

How do you know that You're not one of them?

c.) A Self Examination: By Discerning Our Claims v.4

...and **the truth** is not in him

If We Say...

Knowing That We Know Him

3.) Is Characterized by: A Spirit of Love v. 5

But whoever keeps His word, truly **the love of God** is **perfected** in him. **By this** we (experientially) **know** that we are **in Him**.

a.) A Spirit of Love: By Willful Obedience v.5

But whoever keeps His word, truly **the love of God** is **perfected** in him.

This is Not the Old Testament Commands

These Are The Commands of Christ to the Christian
The Old Testament Was Designed to Convince Man of Sin



Perfected grk **5048 teleioo (tel-i-o'-o);**

being completed, being accomplished,
on the way to being finished

The Commands

of Christ are to better our lives and to bless our lives

John 8:29

"And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone,
for I always do those things that please Him."

b.) A Spirit of Love: By Deep Assurance v.5

By this we (experientially) **know** that we are **in Him**.

1 John 4:17

"...as He is, so are we in this world."

the love of God

Would God Lie / Would God Cheat / Would God Steal
Would God Abuse / Would God Gossip / Would God Divide

Do You Lie / Do You Cheat / Do You Steal
Do You Abuse / Do You Gossip / Do You Divide

Knowing That We Know Him

4.) Is Characterized by: An Outward Example vv. 6

He who says he **abides** in Him
ought himself also to **walk** just as He **walked**.

a.) An Outward Example By What We Say v.6

He who says he **abides** in Him

“He who says”

The Man That Affirms That He's In Christ
is confessing a Truth

The Truth is, He Knows That He's a

CHRISTIAN

Is There Fruit Coming Forth?

or

There Is Fruit Coming Forth!

James 3:11-12

Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring can yield both salt water and fresh.

Matthew 12:34-35

...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

The Produce (Fruit) Department Tells All

Matthew 7:15-16

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 "You will know them by their fruits.

b.) An Outward Example

By What We Do

v.6

ought himself also to **walk** just as He **walked**.

If there was ever a verse that defined

WWJD

it's this verse

The Fruit of the Spirit is the Taste Test

Galatians 5:22-25

22 the fruit of the Spirit is **love** (then everything else just follows behind love), joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

love

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 **"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**

The World Needs to see the Love of God Among Us and Through Us

1. *A Man Confesses Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,*
2. *The Holy Spirit Then Baptizes Him into The Body of Christ, The Church*
3. *Jesus Then Sets Out to Live His Life Through the New Christian*

Jesus Said;

Matthew 5:17

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets.
I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

The Lord Has a Plan for Each of Us

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**

There's a New Way to Live!

Romans 6:4

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

And God is Our Power to Live It!

Ephesians 4:1

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord,
beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

Colossians 1:10

that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every
good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Just the Beginning...