

To Know and Understand God
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Father, in Jesus' name we are so thankful Lord, truly Your word is alive in your people. God, thank You this morning, the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost that we've been met with. Lord, You're witnessing to us in everything; in everything, just be still and know that I am God, Lord that we would just pour out thankfulness from our hearts thanking You Jesus how You take us along, how You care for us. God I'm so thankful I'm here this morning, thank You God I was here this morning Lord to see what You have brought forth God, the glory; the glory that's so immense. Lord Jesus, thank You, and Lord just take it on, and take us on. And Lord that You again continue just to be just lifted up magnified. Lord, that we would just praise You the more, and the much the more for the glory of Your grace. We're here to receive, we're here for You to open our hearts, we're here for You to again the ear that You've given Lord, let us hear. You will do it for You promised in Jesus' name we say thank You, amen. 01:24

Praise be to God how marvelous; how marvelous. And that's this morning, to know and understand God, and we'll begin in Jeremiah Chapter Nine. To know and understand God, Jeremiah Chapter Nine, verse twenty-three. Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches. But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I *am* the LORD which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD. Now I read this and I have to tell you, I am so thankful to be in a church that has taught me the word of God praise the Lord. Every Sunday, every Wednesday, every Friday hallelujah, always one thing, knowing God. Knowing Him and knowing Him praise the Lord in the most intimate way that the Lord would have us. And I thank God you read that word knowing, and to know Him, and to know Him in this, and that we know and all of these things, that comes from the knowledge of a husband and a wife; it's the most intimate thing that they share. It's the intimacy of their fruitfulness. This is the knowledge that the Lord if you will allow Him, this is where He wants to take you. 03:22

And I thank God it's in this knowing as I mentioned earlier 2 Peter 3:18 it's knowing Him; grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. How did you learn that right there? That's how you know Him. Now, I praise the Lord, and I mean this so sincerely, I thank God how we have been instructed in the word of the Lord. We've been instructed by those over the years in this place of those that have followed Paul as He followed Christ. We have marked those in those lives that they were examples, or ensamples to us that they followed those things that were spoken of by the Apostle Paul. Those things that were written for us by the prophets; that mystery that was withheld, but thanks be to

God it was made known unto the Apostle Paul as it says in the word of God, and it was made known unto him for us. Isn't that beautiful, for us, for us, for you? 04:30

So, I come into this sweet meeting, and I thank God I don't come here and come to a place where we here about social causes. I don't come here to a place that's it's about musical entertainment, even though I'm telling you we have the best musical musicians there could ever be and that's not just bias, that's fact. I'm thankful this meeting is not about self-help talks. No, this meeting is not about feel-good group meetings, this meeting by God's grace is not even focused on the end times. It's not focused on the evil that is in and upon this earth. This meeting by the grace of God is about the bible, and it is about the depth of the love in the bible. You'll read in this bible about the encouragement of God that He wants us to feast upon what's called strong meat; that's the depth of the word of God. See, I thank the Lord that just as children, and they need milk to start. I got a little grandson, isn't it amazing these little things come out so tiny and they just drink milk and they grow, and they're perfect. And you really can't give them anything better than milk for them to grow to a certain extent, but then they've got to start eating differently, they got to start eating more to grow up into an adult, to grow up fully and fit, and all of those things And as I told you I mean I appreciate a hamburger, but I'll take a ribeye any day. I mean, we're at the King's table, why not get best praise the Lord? 06:16

And I thank the Lord, I mean if you like a filet too, I'm there with you. So, but I thank God it's the strong meat of the word. I thank the Lord we come in here for it's the word of His grace. Don't you want to be built up in the Lord? I want to be built up in the Lord, I want to be built up for Him. I don't want to be built up for me, I want to be built up for Him. I want to be prepared for Him, I want to be a readied wife for Him. I want to be, praise the Lord as He said in that fulness of Him to the measure, and the stature, and the fulness of Him to grow up into that complete and perfect one that He desires more than anything that He saw in love in ages past before the foundation of the world, that praise be to God somehow grace came to this little life born in 1965, and here I am today praising the Lord hallelujah I believe nothing more than this word, hallelujah? It's growing me up into Him in all things. I am banking on this completely, and I thank the Lord, everything in this word praise God that has transpired, it transpired. 07:28

Everything that is spoken of the word of God, it's transpired. All these things that are even happening in this world it transpired because the word of God from beginning said it would. It said that the evil of man would wax worse and worse, I'm not surprised at what people are doing now, I'm not surprised about what they're doing to kids right now, I'm not surprised about any of that. And I understand that He said when you see these things come to pass look up, your redemption draweth nigh, praise God. That's what this church is about. It's not about living down here, it's not about trying to fight the things that are down here, I'm fighting the good fight of faith. Oh hallelujah, those were the things the Apostle Paul came in there and had to correct, now go back to Peter and Barnabas. See, they were drifting back into legality, they were getting back into that concision, they were getting back in trying to put the law back upon the people; that's the good fight of faith. Saints, the Apostle Paul said this,

that I only be found having His righteousness; only His righteousness, not self-righteousness, which is of the law, none of that stuff. 08:46

This is what we're up against, we're up against the little leaven, we're up against that little root of bitterness that comes in. Brothers and sisters, it is a fight, but it is a good fight of faith, and it's a fight of joy and thanksgiving all the way through. Aren't you happy that you trust the Lord? Oh, I'm so happy I trust the Lord. I'm so happy I trust the Lord when I make a mistake, I'm so happy I trust the Lord when you make a mistake. I'm so happy to bring you the love of Jesus when you're down. There isn't anything greater for my life. It exalts Him, it makes me thankful. Thank God that His grace could even make us spiritual, not just sitting there to condemn, and an eye to say oh you need to do this and do that. Just love the Lord, just love the Lord, He will take care of everything. See, the word of His grace builds us up and gives us that inheritance among all them that are sanctified; set apart. And think of that, He didn't just say the word, He didn't just say truth, see, the Lord He comes in and He tells you specifically what it is. It's anointed, see, the truth is anointed because of the love of Christ. The word is anointed because it's the word of His grace. Think of that, it's not the word of your effort, it's not the word of your faithfulness, it's not the word of you trying, it's the word of His grace. Take it, it's so marvelous, the word of His grace. I can't lose going after grace, marking grace. 10:43

Now, this is just like Noah, we were talking about him on Wednesday night. Noah wasn't focused on the evil. God saw that evil was coming over the world, and all of that; that's all He said about it. I see it, but I see you. Matter of fact it ain't about that, that was all coming anyway for you because the magnificence is going to be about you. I'm going to lift you out of here Noah. You, thou shalt build the ark. Isn't that glorious, and he hadn't even built that ark yet. How'd God know that? Hold that fast which thou hast that no man take your crown. How'd God know that; how'd God know that? How'd He know you'd have a crown? How'd He know you'd be here hearing about your crown? How'd He know you wouldn't be down the street hearing about your palm? Come on. Just thank the Lord, it's not being arrogant, I'm not better than anybody else, thanks be to God I'm the chief of sinners right there with Paul. I'll elbow him and say I'm first, and I'm saying that with every bit of sincerity because I know who I am but for Christ. Don't you ever let the enemy, don't you ever let the enemy, don't you ever let the enemy tell you He has not made you worthy. And let me tell you something, you're so worthy you were born lord of all; that's how worthy. Do you love your birthright, I mean do you really respect your Father? Respect your Dad, He gave you His Son for your birthright, and your birthright tells you, you've got everything; everything, everything. 12:44

And know that, that is for every child of God; every child of God it's right there but you have to grow up. You have to grow up, and there we go back to who is grown up? Who did Jesus want to be with? The disciples weren't grown up, they were still being, it's about me, it's about my effort, it's about again, we're special because we're of this twelve. The one who was special to Him was that woman at the well. They were all special to Him, I know He said listen to you, and see they didn't get it. It took them a long time, sometimes it takes us a long time. Thank God for His grace, but that woman at the well she got it, and she got it real fast.

He told me everything I did but yet He loves me. And that love went in there and saved everybody in her household. How many people get the Lord, they go into their household, and they tell everybody what they have to do, and don't do? Aren't you thankful you didn't learn it that way? You better be thankful and don't ever change. That's what you know, that's what we have fed upon in this place from day one eighty some years ago all by the grace of God, and it's a fight, and that fight never changes. It's the same old enemy that'll do these things. Don't doubt Him saints, it's okay. Let me tell you the end of the story. He wins. 14:28

Alright now, now, let me tell you this we're like Noah, he wasn't focused on the evil, he was focused of the unfathomable promise of God; it was unfathomable. It was so tremendous, so remarkable, so absolutely insane again building a ship out in a desert for almost a hundred years and it never rained yet; that's faith. Go stand in the mirror, look at yourself, think about your life. Now say and this is what's going to rule and reign jointly together with Jesus Christ for ever and ever. I think I'd believe more in the ship that's going to float than this guy going to reign. Which ones harder for God. Didn't we say He can do anything? Is that just a song or is it faith. Is it real, or is it not? It is real isn't it praise God because He said I'll be gracious to whom I'll be gracious. He said I'll have mercy upon whom I'll have mercy; I take all of that. What can't God's mercy do? He can do anything; He can give me a crown. I'm glad a couple agree praise the Lord. 16:00

So, see brothers and sisters, I can say this because of the grace of God that's with us. We have the most to glory in because we know Him in the fullest because we have Paul's gospel in full love; you have Paul's gospel in full love. I thank the Lord, and I'm talking about in full power of the Holy Ghost, and nothing withheld. I thank God for the Holy Ghost praise the Lord is in the vessels in this place. Without it you're not going to get it, without it you're not going to have love that's shed abroad, and I thank the Lord it's not just getting filled, it's being full of the Holy Ghost. It's the fulness, it's that cup that runneth over, and just continues to run over. I thank God for His anointing. You pray for the anointing in the Lord? Not for just one or two, just all the time. I pray for the anointing of the Lord upon us every single day and night. I want that for us, every time we come in here over every single vessel. Lord, pour it forth. That's what's going on in here, if you're missing it enter into the anointing of the Lord. It's pouring forth; it is such a beautiful thing that love that continues to pour out. Now, Paul's gospel here brothers and sisters, causes us to know Him, really know Him like we started here today that we know Him, let us glory that we know Him. What is Paul's gospel call you to know Him in? the power of His resurrection. 17:40

The power of His resurrection. If the power of His might, if the power of God, if the Holy Ghost power could raise Him from the dead, I'm talking about where He took upon Him the sin of every man, and still raised Him up what can't you overcome? What hasn't He already overcome for you? Don't we know Him in the power of His resurrection? Well, I didn't get baptized in this tank, but I got baptized. You know why I got baptized? Because I took Jesus Christ as my Saviour. And you know what that baptismal tank represented? That I died with Him, and I'd been raised with Him; isn't that incredible? Raised with Him, and even

seated with Him in the heavens in Christ. So, I thank the Lord when I say what hasn't that power of the resurrection already delivered you from? That's right, it should be silent, there isn't anything, it's silent. It is silent, and I thank God. You believe Him for these things, call those things which be not as though they were. Believe the Lord, trust God for your life to know Him. To know Him in the fellowship of His sufferings, to know Him in the breadth, the length, the depth, the height of His love. To know Him that all things work together for good to them that love God. 19:22

Do you glory in that? I mean, is that your glory, isn't that awesome? I mean I'm fascinated by technology. I love to see these things. Much of it's just like magic to me; planes fly, all the different GPS things and stuff like that, the brilliance of man you know, and these different ones that invent these things. You know, we have people that have design rocket ships that go up, and here we have a man that's actually sending up a rocket ship to save the astronauts because we can't save ourselves, and here's a guy that God touched with His brain to be able to do that. You got more to glory in what you know? Oh, honeys please, know it, know who you are in Christ. We are the Joshua's of this Church Age, yes, we are. See, we're continuing to walk through more of the land. I appreciate you saints, it's glorious. You study, you know and go, and go walk through it; let the Lord show it to you. You know what you have. See, it's just like when Joshua was handing out inheritance out to each one of the tribes, it was described to them, they knew exactly kind of where it was, they could tell you this was my section, and this was this, and this was that you knew what Joshua did himself when he told them this? He said oh I know you can tell me this about it, and you heard about it, and you can give me all the regurgitated about it and all this, he said now go and walk through it and then come back and describe it to me. 21:16

There's a difference; there's a difference and understand it's a very critical difference. Brothers and sisters, you walk through all truth, but you want to walk through all truth in love, you do because the Holy Ghost, and I thank God I can say this because of the grace of God. The Holy Ghost is alive in here, He quickens us, yes, He does, and I thank the Lord for that and He's for people. You can be alone in your house He quickens you in the Holy Ghost. You don't have to have a bunch of people together, or anything of that nature, and I thank God, you need it individually in your house, and then bring it back in here on a Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday. But this is what happens, is when the Holy Ghost gets alive in a meeting, He'll shed the love of God abroad to your heart. He'll shed the love of God abroad in the meeting, yes, He will. 22:21

I appreciated the testimonies, I appreciate these ones that are even surprised how much they're loved, how much we're thankful and it's not about doing things for people, it's about loving people; there's a difference. You can be around somebody, you can be part; you want to be, let me tell you something you want to be in it. And not just again just a one time. Don't do it for a show, just love, just be there. That's the beautiful thing, sometimes you don't even have to say a word, just be there for somebody. I'm thankful God's always been there for us. But see, the knowledge of His love causes us to believe the word, that's why. See, love and knowing God's love case you to trust Him. I said it many times and I thank the Lord, when

somebody loves you, you trust them. You're confident in them; that's what does it. It's not because you, you don't trust somebody because they're mean to you. you don't trust somebody because necessarily you fear them. You might have somebody over you, and you do what they want you to do, but you don't trust them, but you trust people you love. Amen? 23:36

Who loves you the most? Who wants you to trust Him the most? Who wants you to trust Him in every word that He's ever told you, and every promise that He's ever given you. And when He says I'll perform it, I'll do it, I'll accomplish it, I'll finish it, I'll do it all how many ways does He have to tell you, trust Me? Trust Me, don't fear, don't, don't fear, don't fear. What cast out all fear? Perfect love, perfect love, perfect love. You are so loved perfectly of God that He will, He'll take care of you and perfect everything that concerns you; everything. See, in knowing and understanding God you do know that all things work together for good to them that love God. That's it, and I know you're here today. Thank Jesus today you love God, that's why you're here, and you see the promise you receive in that because He gave you this love? He said I'm going to work everything together for your good. I don't care if the guy down the pew, or whatever doesn't like, but I'm going to show you highly favored, highly favored, highly favored thing. I'm going to pluck your feet out of the net, I'm going to exalt you in due time. See, this is the God that is for us, this is what is so incredible. So, brothers and sisters we believe the word of God, we believe it's His promise that we are the called according to His purpose. Do you believe that? I believe that. 25:13

I have no doubt in that. He wrote these things to us, and I believe that He's predestinated us in every way that we will win Christ, that we will apprehend that for which we are apprehended. See, I love that, I haven't apprehended yet because there's it's not finished yet, but I know that I'm going to apprehend that for which I am apprehended. If God's apprehended me for something, what is He not going to finish? Noah, thou shalt built the ark; He did it. He hadn't built the ark yet, I got a crown, I hear Him say to me Jesse, thou shalt win Me, and here comes the word of His grace that builds me up and gives me an inheritance among all them that are sanctified. See, just like Noah got all the instruction, he got all the blueprint, and he got all the other things to build it, thanks be to God, we got it all, and it's real simple, it's real, real simple, by grace; His grace, amen? Come on now. 26:29

Now, that's the understanding of what God is. I want you to turn over to Proverbs Chapter Four, Seven. But see, as I was standing here this morning I was reading, and I know we had a later lunch today because this is so good you got to hang in here. I really, I was just reading one verse, then it became five, six, seven verses; I got to read them, it's just incredible. So, we're going to go back to verse five, Proverbs Four. Think of where we're at saints. Proverbs 4:5. Get wisdom. Get understanding, forget it not. Neither decline from the words of My mouth, forsake her not. That's this wisdom and understanding, and she shall preserve thee. Love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom. And with all thy wisdom get understanding. Exalt her and she shall promote thee; did you hear that; in due time I shall exalt you, huh? You have to know this don't you? As thou

hast believed so shall it be done unto you. What do you believe? I believe in the crown message, so shall it be done unto you. 28:00

He's the same yesterday, today, and forever? So, wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting get understanding, ooh, get understanding, exalt her and she shall promote thee. She shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her. Just understanding, see, that's what faith is. Exalt her, exalt what you know, I'm glorying in what I know. I know He loves me like this, I know Whom I've believed, I am persuaded that He's able to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day. I know that He will perform the good work which He's begun in me; exalt her, exalt that and she shall promote thee. She shall sit you right in the midst of the throne of glory to rule and reign with Jesus Christ. She shall bring me to honor when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. It's just incredible, and go read the next three or four verses, and then keep going. 29:31

Now, see, the thing is, is we don't stop with just the wisdom and the knowledge. It says to get the understanding of Him. This is beyond the knowledge of knowing God's word by rote. This is important saints. This is beyond, what rote means is by memorization; this is beyond that. This is understanding why God does what He does. This is understanding the very intention and desire of God's heart. And brothers and sisters this is the love part, this is the love part. And I will say this, many of God's precious people that know the bridal message they miss this part, and it's a vital part. Knowing God is one thing, He's love. He is love, He is love and we need to get the understanding of the dimensions of His love. We can know all mysteries, amen? We can talk with the tongue of men and angels, we could give everything to the poor, but without love it's profitless; it's profitless. 30:58

Now, when you know His love what you're going to really know is that that great love is so undeserved, I mean it's so undeserved. The more you grow in that love you're just going to continue to go into more mercy, and more mercy, and more mercy. And what happens is you just become this vessel of mercy that just praises Him continually for this incredible grace that has brought you from the moment of salvation that's finishing you for that crown. It's marvelous. You'll understand that this great love is so great. And the thankfulness for His mercy, the thankfulness for His mercy is what draws Jesus to our heart. See, that's the humble. See, He sees the proud afar off, but He gives grace to the humble. The grace is that mercy vessel, the grace is that vessel that understands He just love me hallelujah, and He always loves me. Now I want you to think about this, those scholars when Jesus was twelve years old they marveled at His knowledge. He was twelve, they were in there, He was way beyond them because He's the word. He knew it all, they marveled I'm sure they where'd this Guy come from? But those were not the ones that understood Him. They knew what He was talking about in a knowledge way but then His knowledge went way on, and they were scholars, but they didn't understand Him. 32:36

The ones who get Jesus, we're going right back to the woman at the well. She never had any formal training, uh-un, she didn't have any schooling, nope. She was way from the wrong

sides of the tracks. She was the worst of the worst of the wrong side of the tracks. In a moment at a well she understood Jesus like none of His disciples that had been with Him for three years even got Him. She went home and she said hey, this guy told me everything about me, I mean everything about me. And I've had people tell me everything about me, and spit on me, and look down upon me, and hate me the more for it and ridicule me, but this guy told me everything about me and more, and all He did was love me even the more, and the more, and the more, and the more as He told me. Who gets Jesus? It's the one that's at His feet that's washing Him with her tears that they said publicly; oh, if You knew her, you wouldn't let her touch you. She understood, and yes, she did; He can't get enough of my touches.

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Thanks, where'd you learn that we're going to keep learning that by the grace of God. How could we not? How could we not want to learn that? See, this is the understanding brothers and sisters that you have of the Lamb of God. This is the understanding that your boasts and your glorying is that you know the mercy and the grace of God. That's why I love you ministering to me. You know, some people say brother I know you know that; oh, I didn't know that you teach me. You teach me, you teach me to understand, you're bone of my bone too, you're flesh of my flesh too, I love your struggle. I really do, I love your struggle, its glorious brother, sister, all of you, and I struggle right there with you. How do these come forth? How did this beautiful truth and love come forth? It's a mess of a life, it's a fight to get past this. And understand, He put all this, He put all of this treasure, put it in me, every bit of it. I mean, I got it all and I'm here to tell you, you got it all too. Yes, you do.

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It's not going to make you feel good, or anything like that, it's just what God does. He doesn't scatter His seed, He doesn't throw it here and there, it's not on some ground where it's going to blow away, uh-un, no, no. No. no, no, uh-un, He's given you an ear to hear this. This sister knows, He brings us in from everywhere, I hear Sam somewhere here today He brought in from a mountain in Mexico. Come on now, come on, this is the bride's knowledge and understanding. This is the simplicity as I close it out right now, the simplicity of her lover's heart, He just loves me. He can't help it, you are it; it's that simple. You're it, and saints put yourself right there, He gave you this gospel, you are that Rebecca at the well. Yeah, we're coming in collectively as one because that's who we are in Christ, but your life is that He met you at that place. You were the one that went out at that time, at that moment, at that appointment that was so perfect; perfect, and He spoke to you, and He already knew what your heart would say. He wasn't guessing; do you get that about Him? Whom He foreknew He predestinated. Write your name right there in the word of God; you're written upon Him; He tells you all this stuff.

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Come on, whom He foreknew, them He predestinated. I know Him, I know the lover of my soul, and I know praise God with you. you know what? His grace, all His grace is for us, amen. Father, we thank You in Jesus' name just glorying, and again giving you all the thanks. I appreciate how You bring Your bond of perfectness to us Jesus, and we enter in in a thanksgiving today, and just giving You all the praise and the glory for what you're doing. And Lord, I thank you we can encourage one another, and truly as that song says run brother run.

How could we not cheer one another on to run. God, how could we not lift up the hands of our brethren? We know us individually, and we know that we all need encouragement, but God, we can't do it, but God You can, and You've done it. Thank You again for this faith that You've given us, thank You for the feeding that You've given us this morning because it's by that faith Lord Jesus, It's by that faith that we please You. Thank You Again for this time, thank You again for Your encouragement, in Jesus' name we pray, amen. 39:28.