**Do You Really Know Jesus?**

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**1 John 5:6-13**

**Sunday Morning**

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6 This is He who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. 9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.

10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. 11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

**Who is God, and what is He like?**

Some people imagine Him as a loving grandfather in heaven who’s waiting to bless them, while others think He’s a harsh judge sitting on His throne, ready to pour out punishment.

There are also people who don’t even believe God exists because they want to live as they please rather than in obedience to His divine authority.

But however Saints, the only way to truly know God and His attributes is to rely on the descriptions of Him that are found in the Scripture and to have a personal relationship

**The Born Again Through True Repentance**

**Romans 8:11**

“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you”

The word quicken is used in the King James Version of the Bible, and it means “revive or make alive.”

**2 Corinthians 7:9-10**

9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

**Romans 10:9-13**

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

**Acts 2:38-39**

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

**A right understanding of God is essential because it has eternal ramifications. Knowing God’s Attributes**

**Romans 1:19-21**

19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse…

Saints, to deny His existence is to suppress the truth and bring ultimate disaster upon ourselves. We all have convictions that govern our lives and being certain about God’s identity should be one of them.

A conviction is being so thoroughly convinced of the absolute truth of something that we are willing to take a stand for it regardless of the consequences. When we are convinced that God’s Word is true, we have a sure foundation for our convictions about God.

**God is an uncreated being.**

He existed before the beginning of time and is the Creator of heaven and earth.

**Genesis 1:1**

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”

**Psalm 90:2**

“Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God”

**He is Unchangeable**

**Malachi 3:6**

“For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore you are sons of Jacob and are not consumed”

**Hebrews 13:8**

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever”

Saints, what a comfort it is to know that the Lord’s perfection, purposes, and promises never alter. If He has given us a promise in His Word, we can be certain that He will never change His mind.

**God is Omnipresent**

This means that God is present everywhere. We don’t have to search and find Him. In fact, we can never get away from His presence. No matter what we face, He is with us.

**Psalm 139:7-12**

7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; 12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

**God is Omnipotent**

**1 Samuel 2:6-8**

6 "The LORD kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up. 7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. 8 He raises the poor from the dust And lifts the beggar from the ash heap, To set them among princes And make them inherit the throne of glory

God has all power:

**Matthew 19:26**

“…With God all things are possible”

However, the Lord never acts in a manner that is inconsistent with His nature. For instance, He cannot lie or be tempted by evil because He is absolute goodness, perfection, and truth.

**Titus 1:2**

“In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began…”

**God is Omniscient**

Saints, God has complete knowledge about everything, including past, present, and future events. Although we might want Him to share His knowledge with us, as finite beings we are incapable of comprehending the infinite vastness of God’s mind.

**Deuteronomy 29:29**

“The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us.”

Saints, God doesn’t satisfy all our curiosity, but He has revealed what He desires us to know in His Word. And if we can’t find an answer in Scripture, we can leave our concerns with Him, trusting in His infinite knowledge and wisdom.

**God is Invisible**

**1 Timothy 6:15-16**

15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power.

**Colossians 1:15**

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.”

Saints, although Jesus was visible as God in human flesh, no human being other than Christ has seen the Father. Paul described Him as the “only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see”

**God is love**

**1 John 4:16**

“And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him”

This is not just what He does, but who He is—love is an essential aspect of His nature. The ultimate expression of His love for us was the act of sending His Son into the world to redeem sinners.

**John 3:16**

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”

In mercy, grace, and love, He reached down to save and give eternal life to all who believe in Jesus.

**God is Holy**

**Psalm 99:8-9**

8 You answered them, O LORD our God; You were to them God-who-Forgives, Though You took vengeance on their deeds. 9 Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the LORD our God is holy.

Saints, this means He is separated from all sin, and His holiness is the pattern we are to follow. Although we can never live without sin as God does, we who are committed to Christ as our Savior and Lord should have a desire to live a holy life of obedience.

Holiness is a lifestyle to which God calls us and for which He equips us through the power of His indwelling Holy Spirit. He gives us sensitivity to sinful attitudes and actions in our lives and prompts us to immediately seek forgiveness from God and request His strength to turn from that particular sin.

**God is Righteous**

He is the final standard of righteousness and always acts in accordance with what is right. Furthermore, righteousness is His desire for each of us, and He’s given us His Spirit to enable us to do what’s right.

**He is a God of Wrath**

**John 3:36**

“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

This means the Lord hates sin and everything that is opposed to His moral character.

The wrath of God will never come upon those of us who have trusted Christ as our Savior because it is limited to those who defy the Lord and reject His Son.

**God is our Judge**

**2 Corinthians 5:10**

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad”

Saints, as Christians we have no need to fear God’s wrath because our judgment is for the purpose of rewards. We will be judged according to how we have lived and what we have done with the truth and the opportunities we’ve been given.

**God is our Rewarder**

Saints, we each have a choice regarding how we build our lives on the foundation of Christ.

**1 Corinthians 3:10-15**

10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Saints, if what we have done is of no eternal value, it will be burned up in the judgment, but if our works are precious and everlasting, we will receive a reward. Even in the judgment, God’s love and grace will be evident to His children.

**In Closing:**

**God is to be Worshipped**

He is the Lord of the universe and our Savior, who is worthy of all honor and glory. Our worship of Him is displayed when we let His Word dwell in us richly and praise Him with singing from a grateful heart.

**Colossians 3:16**

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord”

**John 4:23-25**

23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Saints, Soon and Very soon, Jesus is about to appear, we are almost out of here!

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**1 Corinthians 15:50-54**

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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**Let’s Pray!**

**Benediction**

**"May The LORD bless you and keep you, May The LORD make His face shine upon you, May The LORD be gracious to you, May The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His (Shalom) peace.” In Jesus Name!**