

OUR VISION: TO KNOW GOD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN
Psalms 46:10; Psalms 89:1

Psalms 46:10

¹⁰ Be still, and know that I *am* God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!

Psalms 89:1

¹ I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever;
With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

- I. What do we Mean by:
To Know God?!
Can we Know God?

Isaiah 55:8-9

⁸ " For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts,
Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD.
⁹ " For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalms 103:11

⁴ Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercies,

Psalms 111:10

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom;
A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*.
His praise endures forever.

Jeremiah 31:34

³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Isaiah 55: 6-7

Seek the LORD while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.
⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the LORD,
And He will have mercy on him;
And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon.

Colossians 3: 1-2

¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

I Corinthians 1:21

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

I Corinthians 2:14

¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

II Timothy 1:12

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.

I John 2: 3-5

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.

Philippians 3:10

¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

II. How to Make Him Known

We are to be motivated by His love.

Matthew 22: 37-40

³⁷ Jesus said to him, " *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*"

By the Words we Speak

Matthew 16:16

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Acts 8:35

³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

John 4: 28-29

²⁸ The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, ²⁹ "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"

John 1: 40-45

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John *speaking*, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah.^[a] You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).

⁴³ The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

By Our Benevolent Acts

Acts 3: 1-10

¹ Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. ² And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; ³ who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. ⁴ And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." ⁵ So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸ So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. ⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God. ¹⁰ Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Luke 10: 30-35

³⁰ Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him,

he had compassion. ³⁴ So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ On the next day, when he departed,^[a] he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

Matthew 25:31-40

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy^[a] angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.'

III. An on Going Process

II Peter 3: 18

¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.

We must remember the broken and the back sliden.

Isaiah 51:1

¹ "Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness,
You who seek the LORD:
Look to the rock *from which* you were hewn,
And to the hole of the pit *from which* you were dug.

Many have been hurt by church people.

They populate every community.

Some have failed miserably. They are road kill in a fast driving world that seldom looks back. They need the church to reconnect with them. They are prodigals lost coins, scattered sheep, marred vessels.

They need a missionary who will step outside the door of the church and lovingly give them an entrance with acceptance and love.

Congregational Benediction

We bow our hearts before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. From whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. That He would grant us according to the riches of His glory to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man.

That Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith that we being rooted and grounded in love. May be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height.

To know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

AMEN