

KNOW THAT YOU KNOW GOD

(A Study through 1 John)

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“Fellowship with God & Joy” 1John 1:1-4

Satan delights in keeping true Christians unsure of their salvation because they'll never experience the freedom, joy and confidence God wants for them. But he also delights in keeping those on their way to hell deluded into thinking that they are on their way to heaven, their consciences immunized from seeing their need to repent. To Know That You Know God is the believer's ark in life's storms, peace in panic, joy in sadness, the power and presence of God to face anything. “Christian assurance is Heaven on Earth!” – Thomas Brooks (1654)

What is Fellowship with God?

“Fellowship” 2xs v3 = (Gr. Koinonia) intimacy, interaction, and communion. Intimacy with God is a mutual giving and receiving of love and truth. Four things must happen (Jer31:33):

In an intimate relationship with God...

- You listen to Him. John 10:3-4
- You know He listens to you. Ps34:15; Phil4:6-7
- You Receive His love. Rom5:5
- You Express your love to Him. Matt22:37; John 4:23-24

How do We Know This is True? Because...

- It is not by Human Speculation, but by Divine Revelation. “Manifest” 2xs in v2 = (Gr.) to make visible or known what has been hidden or unknown
- It is based on eyewitnesses who heard, saw, looked upon and touched God. “We” 6xs in these four verses. Acts26:26; vv1-3
- The Gospel is a historical event that has been DONE for you. 2xs in vv2, & 3 “We proclaim to you” “Proclaim” = news, to make known openly, declare.

What Difference Does It Make?

- Intimacy with God will produce in you a fullness of joy. vv3-4; 1Pet1:8; Ps16:11
- Intimacy with God will make you want to share it with others. v4; 2Cor1:24; Phil1:25
- Intimacy with God is both enjoyed and developed most in community. V4; Heb3:12-13, 10:24-25

Growing Notes

- 1) Read the intro on what Satan delights in doing. What are your thoughts and feelings about this? Why is it so important To Know That You Know God (See intro)?
- 2) Read 1 John 1:1-4. What stands out to you from this text? What is John's purpose for writing?
- 3) What is fellowship with God? What four things must happen to have fellowship (intimacy) with God (Jer31:33)? Which one(s) do you struggle with the most? Explain.
- 4) How do we know that we can truly have fellowship with God? What is the difference between human speculation and divine revelation? How is this grounded in history and objectively true that intimacy with God is a reality to be enjoyed (Note: “We” 6xs in these four verses)? How is the Gospel a historical event that has been done for you?
- 5) What difference does fellowship with God make? How will it produce fullness of joy? Why will intimacy with God make you want to share it with others? Community is the best way to enjoy and develop intimacy with God. Explain. What is God speaking to you from this study? Pray.