

# KNOW THAT YOU KNOW GOD

(A Study through 1 John)

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## CHARACTERISTICS OF FELLOWSHIP “Experience God’s Love” (1John 4:7-21)

Our love for God and others grows out of an experience of God’s love for us. You can’t just grit your teeth and try harder to be a more loving person. True spiritual fruit of love, joy and peace comes from being swept up in intimate, loving encounters with Jesus Christ.

### How Do We Really Know God loves us?

It Is NOT Based on our...

- Performance v19; Eph2:8-9
- Emotions 2Cor5:7; Ps77; Ps42
- Circumstances James 1:2-4

It IS Based on... vv9-10, 14

- The Gift of His Son vv9, 14
- Who Bore our Judgement vv10; 2Cor5:21
- And Gave us life through Him vv9, 14; Rom5:10

### How Can I Experience God’s Love?

1st Confess Jesus is Lord vv19, 15; Rom10:9-10

2nd Abide in Him vv16-17; Eph3:16-19

3rd Be sensitive to His Spirit v13; Rom5:5, 8:5-6

### What Difference will His Love Make in My Life?

- No fear v18; Ps23; Matt6:25-34
- Love for others vv7-8, 20-21; 1Cor13:4-8
- Makes God visible v12; John13:34-35

### Growing Notes

- 1) When was the last time you were swept up in an intimate, loving encounter with Jesus Christ? What difference did it make in your love for God and others? Why does just gritting your teeth and trying hard to be a more loving person NOT work?
- 2) Read 1 John 4:7-21. How Do We Really Know God loves us (vv9, 10, 14)? What three things should we not base His love on? Which one of these are you most prone to? What should we base His love on? How is the gift of His Son the greatest gift we have ever received?
- 3) What are the three things we must do to experience God’s love? What does it mean to confess that Jesus is Lord (vv15, 19; Rom10:9-10)? How does Eph3:16-19 demonstrate what it means to abide in Him? What are some things in your life that keep you from being sensitive to the Holy Spirit?
- 4) What difference will His love make in your life? What does it mean that perfect love casts out fear (v18)? You know you have the love of God when you are displaying the love of God (vv7-8, 21). Explain. How does our love for one another make God visible (John 13:34-35)? What is God speaking to you through this study?