

# KNOW THAT YOU KNOW GOD

(A Study through 1 John)

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## CONSEQUENCES OF FELLOWSHIP

### "Faith That Overcomes Fear" 1Jn5:1-13

The Corona Virus has put our world on edge. As the number of confirmed cases grow so does fear and uncertainty. As Christians how should we be responding to this Pandemic? With Faith that overcomes Fear! Christianity is not a denial of the reality of this pandemic but embracing a greater reality that we have a God who is bigger than this pandemic, and we have a God who is stronger than any of the challenges we may face in the future.

### FAITH THAT OVERCOMES FEAR:

#### What Does This Faith Look Like? vv1-3

It is...

- **Believing** v1a; Heb:35-39  
"Believes" = (Gr.) to think to be true, to be persuaded of, place confidence in.
- **Loving** v1b; 1John3:16  
"Love" = (Gr. Agapao) to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly.
- **Obeying** vv2-3; Ps119:103  
"Burdensome" = (Gr.) severe, stern, and weighty.  
Why Are God's Commandments NOT Burdensome?
  - ✓ Because our obedience is NOT performance motivated but acceptance motivated.
  - ✓ Because God's commandments are not arbitrary but for our Good.
  - ✓ Because God's commands reflect His character and when we are obeying God, we are taking on the perfection of his character.

#### How do we Get This Faith? vv4-5

You must...

- **Be Born Again** v4; John 3:3, 5, 16

### Exercise your Faith vv4b-5

You exercise your faith by...

- ✓ Believing that Jesus is who He said He is and did what he came to do. Heb11:1,6; Ps9:9-10
- ✓ By practicing spiritual disciplines and applying God's Word specifically to where your heart is most restless. Psalms; Phil2:12-13; Gal2:14; 1Tim4:8; Ps46:1, 10; Ps91:1-2

### What is the Foundation of This Faith? vv6-12; Matt7:24-27

These are the facts that produce faith that overcomes the fears:

- **Water** (Jesus' water baptism) Matt3:16-17
- **Blood** (Jesus' death on the cross) Matt27:51-54
- **Holy Spirit** (Glorifies Jesus) Jn16:14; 16:14; Rom8:16; vv11-13

### Growing Notes

- 1) As Christians how should we be responding to this Pandemic? Where are you on this scale: Faith-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-Fear? What are you doing to build your faith to overcome fear?
- 2) Read 1John5:1-13. What does this faith look like (vv1-3)? What would be the opposite of Believing, Loving and Obeying and what would cause people to do this in suffering (Heb10:35-39)?
- 3) How do we get this faith (vv4-5)? What does it mean to be born again and how can we be born again (John 3:3, 5, 16)? What are the two ways we are to exercise our faith? What does it mean to believe that Jesus is who He said He is and did what He come to do?
- 4) What is the foundation of this faith (vv6-13)? Crisis is inevitable and will reveal whether we have built our lives on "the rock" or on "the sand" (Matt7:24-27). Explain. What historical events is John pointing to that prove that Jesus is the Christ? Why is the testimony of God greater than the testimony of men (v9)? What are the implications of these three witnesses to our lives? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.