

“Know the Lord!”

These words are the instructions to every human being who has not yet entered the Covenant with God Almighty which gives them eternal life, spiritual life that assures them that all their sins have been forgiven and that they have been born a second time, not of the flesh which all humans have been, but a spiritual birth that happens when the Holy Spirit of God enters an individual and gives them a new life, a transformed spiritual life whereby God becomes their personal father, and the Lord Jesus their savior and Lord, and all other people on the earth who also have entered this Covenant with God are their brothers and sisters in the Lord! The wonderful family of God!

During the time of the Covenant that God made through Moses with the people of God on the earth, a person was born of the flesh into the physical nation of Israel, but was not born of the spirit until at some point in their life they gained this experience. Therefore, some Israelites “knew the Lord” and some did not. All had the Ten Commandments of God given to them externally as was given through Moses on tables of stone, but only those who had

been “born again” had them written on their hearts internally (Psalm 37:30-31; 40:8-9; Isa. 51:7). But during the time of the prophet Jeremiah, God spoke through him and said there was coming a time when He would make a New Covenant with the people of Israel and it would be for only those people who wanted to “know the Lord” and keep His Commandments. It would not be for all of the people of Israel but only for those whom God was drawing to Himself and who would have this experience of spiritual intimacy with God. Lets listen to what God said:

31“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, **32**not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. **33**“But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. **34**“They will not teach again, each man his

neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

(Jer. 31:31-34).

Here we are told clearly that this New Covenant would be for those who have been born of the spirit of God, and therefore they would not need to teach each other to “know the Lord” for that would be the spiritual reality of all those entering this New Covenant with God.

These people of the New Covenant would not only Know the Lord, but God would write His laws on their hearts, forgive them of all their sins, and they would be known as the people of God! This truth is written twice in the New Covenant scriptures, Hebrews Chapter 8:6-13 and 10:16-17.

This New Covenant would be different than the one given through Moses, in that it would be given through the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and he would be our High Priest who would forever be interceding for us. And His sacrifice of Himself by dying as prophesied on the cross was “once and for all,” and so there would no longer be a need for daily sacrifices of animals as there was under the

Old Covenant, but God would be satisfied with the **“once and for all”** sacrifice of Jesus when He shed His blood on Calvary’s cross. (Heb. 7:27; 9:12, 27; 10:10) After Jesus breathed upon those Israelites who were obedient to God and were waiting on the Lord in prayer on the Day of Pentecost for the promise of the Holy Spirit to be given, the demonstrations of the Holy Spirit were profound. And when people came around to see what was happening, some came under conviction of their sins and responded to Peter’s telling them they had been responsible for the Lord’s death but that God raised Jesus from the dead and had made Him to be both Lord and Christ (Messiah, the anointed one), and that he told them what they must do to be saved from the penalty of their sins.

38Peter said to them, **“Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39”**For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.” **40**And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, **“Be saved from this perverse generation!” 41**So then, those who had received

his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. 42They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:38-42

So we see dear reader, that to “Know the Lord” is the essence of eternal life according to the Lord Jesus Christ who said to the Father:

“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” John 17:3

We have found that God wants you to know him, that means to have a very personal relationship with the true and living God whereby you communicate with God the Father personally like Adam and Eve our first parents, and to know His son, the Lord Jesus Christ personally who said,

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish.” (John 10:27-28)

To have the experience of being born into God’s family by receiving the Spirit of Life, God the Holy Spirit, into your dead

(that means separated) human spirit, thus giving you true spiritual life from God Himself is the most wonderful, fulfilling experience a human being can ever have, and to know not only the Lord personally as a friend, but to know all of your sins are forgiven and that you will live together with Him in heaven forever. Praise His wonderful Name forever!

Do you know the Lord!

3By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. **4**The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; **5**but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected.

(1 John 2:3-5)

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