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## **Knowing God – Part 1** **Sunday, April 24, 2016**

Is it possible to think that you know God, yet not really know Him? You may know your Bible and you may be able to quote many passages. You may be able to hear God's voice and to prophecy. You may have incredible spiritual anointing be able to perform signs and wonders. Your words may have changed people's lives... But do any of these things mean that you really know God?

[http://www.ted.com/talks/hans\\_and\\_ola\\_rosling\\_how\\_not\\_to\\_be\\_ignorant\\_about\\_the\\_world](http://www.ted.com/talks/hans_and_ola_rosling_how_not_to_be_ignorant_about_the_world)

- The speakers are world renowned health statisticians. Ola & Hans Rosling are simply pointing out a lack of understanding of revealed truth (I pray that if they don't know Jesus, that they will come to truth in Him).
- Things that affect our ability to know or understand truth...
  1. Where we grew up (our cultural world view & experiences)
  2. Our teaching/education/training – inaccurate & outdated
  3. Uninformed Media
  4. Human Intuition

**How do these concepts affect our understanding of God???**

### **1 Timothy 4:1-16 NIV**

4 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and **follow deceiving spirits** and things taught by demons. <sup>2</sup>Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. <sup>3</sup>They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. <sup>4</sup>**For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, <sup>5</sup>because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.**

<sup>6</sup>If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, <sup>7</sup>you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. <sup>7</sup>**Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.** <sup>8</sup>For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. <sup>9</sup>This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance.

<sup>10</sup>That is why we labor and strive, because **we have put our hope in the living God**, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

<sup>11</sup>Command and teach these things. <sup>12</sup>Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. <sup>13</sup>Until I come, **devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.** <sup>14</sup>Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

<sup>15</sup>Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. <sup>16</sup>Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

### **Matthew 7:13-28 NIV**

#### ***The Narrow and Wide Gates***

<sup>13</sup>"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup>**But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.**

#### ***True and False Prophets***

<sup>15</sup>"**Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing**, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup>By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

<sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

### **True and False Disciples**

<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.** <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, **did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?**’ <sup>23</sup> **Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’**

### **The Wise and Foolish Builders**

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore everyone who **hears these words of mine and puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because **it had its foundation on the rock.** <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

<sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

### **God made the world Good – it’s just got broken & enslaved components – 1 Tim. 4:4**

- We need to influence it, and not love or be enamoured by it.

### **Christian Popularity and Anointing are not signs that someone knows God**

- Watch out for “radical” teaching that comes from popular speakers – 1 Tim4:7, Matt. 7:14-15
- Watch out for people who perform miraculous things yet also teach against the basic principles of scripture – Matt 7:22-23

### **People who Know God – Obey God**

- They hear God’s Word and put it into practice – Matt. 7:21&24
- These people build their house on the Rock (Jesus- the Word of God)

### **Salvation Prayer (to ask God to forgive your sins and adopt you as His child):**

“Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for taking my place by dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sin and giving me eternal life. I ask that You lead, teach and fill me with the Holy Spirit. Change me into a person who represents you well, in Jesus name, amen.”

## **Announcements: [www.hopecommunitysite.com](http://www.hopecommunitysite.com) 705-812-2833**

**Small Group Bible Studies:** Contact Craig Basaraba for current groups or to start a group

**Morning Prayer** Monday to Friday 9 to 10 am at the church

**Woman's Walking/Exercise Group** – Mondays 7:00 pm at the church

**Kid's Tuesday Afterschool Program** – 3:30 to 5:00 pm - gym games, snack, encouragement & friendship

**Mom's Hangout** – Wednesdays 10-11:30 am... A time for Moms and kid's to hang out and get to know each other.

**Upward Soccer (Ages SK to Grade 6) Practice** – Wednesdays 6-8 pm

**God Squad Jr. High:** Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Students grades 6-8 are invited to this great program.

**Sr. High Youth:** Thursdays: 7:30 to 8:45 pm. Students grades 9-12

**Upward Soccer (Ages SK to Grade 6) Game** – Saturdays 9:30 to 11:30 am

**Good Food Box** – Orders on the first Monday of each month from 3-6 pm and pick up on the third Wednesday of each month from 3-6 pm. Fresh Fruit and Vegetables... Small box \$10, Large box \$15

**Communion Lunch Service – First Sunday of each month** Service (10:00 am) of each month as part of the morning service. Invite a friend and bring food to share in this pot luck style meal.

**Set Apart Men's Conference @ First Baptist Church Orillia – April 29-30**

- Men's conference with great teaching... [www.firstbaptistorillia.org](http://www.firstbaptistorillia.org)

**Brian Thomson Ministry Weekend at HOPE Community – June 4 & 5... [www.brianthomson.com](http://www.brianthomson.com)**

- Saturday 12:30–3:30 pm at the church... Training on “**Developing a Heart for Others**” as we learn to share our faith and see the opportunities of mission and ministry around us.
- Sunday Morning - 10 am, Brian will be our guest speaker.