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Knowing God – Part 2 **Sunday, May 1st, 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?

John 10:22-33 NIV

Further Conflict Over Jesus' Claims

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ **My sheep listen** to my voice; **I know them**, and **they follow me**. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ **I and the Father are one.**"

³¹ Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, ³² but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"

³³ "We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, **because you, a mere man, claim to be God.**"

Those Who Know God, Listen to Him...

- The word "listen" here implies **understanding and agreeing with**. The things that God says we believe and speak.
- When God says something in His Word (the Bible), those who are believers shout an emphatic **"YES"**.
- When it comes to a word of knowledge or prophecy or an inner revelation – It needs to be tested and discerned to see if it is from God and if we truly understand it. We are to take spiritual/prophetic words seriously.
 - **1 Thessalonians 5:19-22** "**Do not quench** the Spirit. ²⁰ **Do not treat prophecies with contempt** ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil."
 - **1 John 4:1** "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."
 - **1 Corinthians 14:29** "Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said."
 - **1 Corinthians 13:8-10** "Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears."

When God Knows a person, He REALLY Knows them!

- Know (*ginōskō*): a prolonged form of a primary verb; to "know" (absolutely) in a great variety of applications and with many implications:--allow, be aware (of), feel, (have) know (-ledge), perceived, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand, have sexual intercourse with.
 - **John 3:3-8** ³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, **no one can see the kingdom of God** unless they are **born again**." ⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"
⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God **unless they are born of water and the Spirit**. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at

my saying, 'You must be born again.'⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. ***So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.***"

- Knowing God is a Mind, Body, Soul & Spirit Connection...
 - **Luke 10:27** "...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind..."
 - **John 4:24** "God is spirit, and his worshipers ***must worship in the Spirit and in truth.***"
 - **1 Corinthians 12:12-14** "¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and ***we were all given the one Spirit to drink.*** ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many."

Those Who Know God, Follow Him...

- The word "follow", means to be God's disciple. You follow where He goes. You leave when He leaves.
 1. to follow one who precedes, join him as his attendant, accompany him
 2. to join one as a disciple, become or be his disciple
 3. side with his party

Do you know Him... Are you surrendering your Mind, Body, Soul and Spirit to Him knowing you?

- Past experiences and incorrect teaching can greatly inhibit you knowing God.
- List any things that hinder you from Knowing God...
 - Mind
 - Body
 - Soul
 - Spirit

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 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.

Brian Thomson Ministry Weekend at HOPE Community – June 4 & 5... www.brianthomson.com

- Saturday 12:30–3:30 pm at the church... Training on "**How to Share your faith with others**" as we learn to see the opportunities of mission and ministry around us.
- Sunday Morning - 10 am, Brian will be our guest speaker. There will be a community BBQ with games and activities after the service