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## **Knowing God – Part 4**

### **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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?

#### **Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> **fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.** For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

#### **Philippians 1:3-6 NIV**

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that **he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion** until the day of Christ Jesus.

#### **Hebrews 13:1-8 NIV**

##### ***Concluding Exhortations***

<sup>13</sup> Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup> Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. <sup>4</sup> Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, **"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."** <sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence, **"The Lord is my helper;** I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

#### **John 10:25-30 NIV**

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

#### **Isaiah 41:10 NIV**

**10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

#### **Knowing God is rooted in how he knows us**

- Jesus began our faith and He will finish it!
- God began a good work in you and will see it through to the day of Christ's Judgement.
- The Lord is our helper and He will never leave us or forsake us.

- No one will be able to snatch us out of the Father's hand.
- God will hold us up with His powerful right hand.

**God will sustain you through the ups and downs of life.**

- God knows what we need before we even ask it.
- He teaches us how to grow, how to be wise, how to struggle and how to use His power.

**Hold still and trust!**

- Most of the scriptures that speak of His love and care for us, command us to not fear. When we obsess with fear we obsess with what we see. God wants us to focus on Him.
- You hold your position in your stance against the devil and his schemes until God tells you something different.
- The armour of God only protects your front because He has your back (He's your rear guard).
- Knowing God, means TRUSTING God ☺

**Bill Hybells – *Coffee with God***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xU9GR4H0WQ>

**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.

**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 "How to Share your faith with others" as we learn to see the opportunities of mission and ministry around us.
- **Sunday Morning - 10 am - Family BBQ Sunday.** Brian will be our guest speaker. There will be a community BBQ with games and activities after the service.
- Invite a friend and bring your own lawn chairs as well as salads and/or desserts to share.