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To know Him - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/8/22 7:08

The bible has a fair amount to say about "knowing Him" and the perils of not...

Allot of people debate allot of things concerning the scriptures, some are more doctrinally focused, others eschatologically so, while for others theological issues take precedence, or even your church or service in your local area. For others s till it's fixing things and people that seems to get their attention.

Allot of people know "about Him" and argue allot of what they think they know,...
Some have even met Him and spent time in His presence...

But knowing Him (the one true and living God) is the basis of all true Christian faith.

So what does "knowing Him" mean to you?

Re: To know Him, on: 2016/8/22 8:02

That's good & an excellent question bro!

To know Him is to love Him. To walk with Him. To be filled with His Spirit. To be intimately acquainted with him even as, but more so, a man "knows" His wife through intimate Union with her. To "partake of the divine nature" & to experience the presence of God & the ever-present in-dwelling Christ so that we walk with Him in the garden of our lives in the cool of the day, speaking with Him, listening to Him, among those that are the "as many are as being led by Him, they are the sons of God." To have a heart that so loves and desires Him that we long not just to "know what He knows", but to "feel what He feels". That our desire that the things that move Him are the the things that move us. That our heart longs for what His heart longs for & breaks for what His breaks for. That our longing desire is to ever increasingly "walk as He did on the earth" & grow into His love for others. His compassion and Grace & mercy. That we would desire to truly be filled with the fruits of His Spirit which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control. That we wouldn't be slack in our learning or teaching of His Word & doctrine, but also that we wouldn't just be "mental" & theoretically about the life of Jesus, but that it would actually be flowing from us - rivers of living water. That we would see and acknowledge that in the same way that He was a man of sorrows, that we would also be willing to be like Him & be broken, maligned, misunderstood & spoken ill of, & be willing to endure & even receive it at His hand with joy. That we would see how meek & humble was the Lamb of God & desire to be changed into that same image & desire loneliness, meekness, & humility just as He, considering others before and better than ourselves. And that our concerns would be His concerns. Bringing the Lost into the fold. Acting as responsible "under-shepherds" At the direction of the Great Shepherd & Going out to seek and save the lost, rescue the 1 lost sheep, & protect the flock from wolves at all cost. That our earnest desire would be to walk with & worship Him in Spirit & in Truth. And not to just "know about Him" as I do some historical president or some figure of renown in the earth, but that I would truly KNOW Him intimately as I KNOW my wife, even as He knows me (or at least as far in that direction as I can seek Him in these things and grow in my knowing of Him this side of eternity - when as I Corinthians 13 says we will see Him face to face & know fully even as we are fully known). I could say a million more things, but these all pretty much just flowed off the top of my heart fresh out of the prayer closet & worship this morning! ðŸ™Š To "Know Him" truly is to Love Him, Obey Him, & to seek to "Know Him More"!

God Bless,
Jeff

Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/8/22 9:45

Amen!

Enjoyed that very much:)

I don't feel compelled to start threads very often but the Lord woke me up early this mornin and as we spent time together I really felt compelled to start this one so we could all share and benefit from one another's "knowing" as it's the basis of all our faith:)

Re: , on: 2016/8/22 9:52

Amen, that's good!

Me too actually (woke me up early this morning). Woke up a couple times (2-yr old got in bed with us & the baby is stuffy - normal stuff), but at 4:30 am I knew the Lord was not letting me return to sleep to get up & spend time alone with Him! Love those times. Just praying I get through the day without falling over after getting 4.5 hrs of sleep. At 20 (or even 30) I could go totally without sleep. Now past 40, I don't hold up as well through the day. ðŸŒŠ But if His grace is sufficient for people with real challenges, it's certainly sufficient for me and my small stuff like limited rest. ðŸŒ•

God Bless,
Jeff

Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/8/22 10:04

Ha! Yes dear brother:)

When that happens it's like He gives me a gift of having to rely upon Him for the strength to make it through the day and I've found it's those days that He shines brightest in me cause I'm not trying to do it for Him;)

You know, even Jesus struggled physically and needed help carrying the cross,... I've always wondered what that symbolizes and never really heard that word opened up... Would seem important tho'- but maybe that deserves its own thread~

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/8/22 11:12

I know Jesus has my back; he is always for me and never against me. The way is easier yoked with Him than without Him. When my zeal fades he is always pursuing, never letting go. I know I do not deserve to be in His presence but He sits beside me, puts His arm around my shoulder and says "everything is ok." I know everything is not ok but am encouraged to press in more, to know Him more and to be more like Him.

I had a dream one time- one of a few that I absolutely knew was from the Lord- where I was looking at the words to a worship song on a sheet of music. The words and tune were so wonderful and beyond my understanding that I could not read any of the words- except for one and it was the word "Eden." The whole atmosphere of the dream was utter joy to the point that when I awoke I was trembling.

I related the dream to a dear brother who I consider "prophetic" and he reminded me that "Eden" means "delight". I had known this at one time but had forgotten it. From that day on I have realized that Jesus is delighted in me, which is of course humbling and just makes me want to go after Him more.

But He is not my "buddy"- He is the Lord. As Mr beaver explains in the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe: "course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/8/22 11:30

Good stuff brother!
Thanks for that:))

Re: To know Him - posted by Elibeth, on: 2016/8/22 23:48

Dear Brother,

TO KNOW HIM !

What a wonderful Word and thought, you have brought to us to think on this day.

To know Him is life eternal

Thinking on this as I worked today I thought about ..
..to SEE Him,...through The Spirit

To put His yoke upon you / me and 'learn' of Him.

I so ,would love to continue more,but am so tired tonight.

Bless you Fletcher,

elizabeth

Re: sister Elizabeth - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/8/23 9:07

I woke up this morning thinking of the last chapter in Job... Specifically 42:5-6
And how Job thought he knew Him but after "seeing" Him everything changed and Job repented....

Then I read your words about seeing Him and couldn't help but smile:)

Blessings

Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/8/23 9:48

...to Know Him relates also to John 4 where Jesus said: "they that worship Him must worship (serve) Him in spirit (Spirit) and truth (reality)"

This indicates a couple of things.

We will relate to God in our spirits by the Holy Spirit indwelling our spirits and thus communicating to our spirits the truth of God in real experience, not simply head knowledge.

We will experience and know the very presence of God within us!

As a brother previously indicated, it is a union of spirits such as is found in the oneness of husband and wife, the most intimate union possible.

"He who confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, will find that God lives in Him and He in God!"

"By this we know that God lives in us, by His Spirit Whom He has given us"

Blessings,

Re: brother William - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/8/23 10:48

Yes Amen!!

When first compelled to start this thread the "knowing" you and brother Jeff spoke of is what I was hoping to get at....

It's an important thing to have intimacy, true intimacy and I believe that's what our Father is after,... tabernacling if you will-

Re: To know Him - posted by yuehan, on: 2016/8/25 8:20

This is a beautiful thread.

Here's an anecdote from my life:

One day, I was feeling very down... I knew that I ought to be trusting God and renewing my mind in accordance with His truth, but I was doing a lousy job at it anyway.

I reclined on the sofa, and was honest to God about my idolatrous desires. And taking my cue from a post I had read on this forum a long time ago, I said - "Deep down I just wish that all my desires were pointing to You."

While I was laying there, I heard God speak to me in my mind - "I have always loved you... even when you were a child."

Hearing God in such a manner is very rare for me, and that He would assure me of His love in such a tender way was the last thing I had anticipated. That He had already loved me, even before I had any conception of God!

That quickened my spirit, and I soon got up and went about the day happily.

The next day, I didn't hear God communicating those truths to me in the same way. But they were no less true, for they were contained in His Word (Isaiah 43, Gal 1:15-16).

His love will never fail. And the challenge for all of us is to continually trust in His love on a moment-by-moment basis. I still find that to be a challenge, though I'm a lot better now than when I first commenced my Christian journey.

Re: brother John - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/8/25 9:40

I can most definitely relate to your post:)

And like you, above all else I just wanna know Him... More!

There are days where His presence is so thick I feel as though I may burst at the seams and other days that seem dry in contrast- though like you say, His love is ever present and we have the promise of His word to rest in:)

The more I learn/know Him the cooler He becomes though I must confess He is different in a lot of ways than my mind could have imagined. He is just so far greater than I could've ever imagined and He is sooooo good to me in spite of my getting distracted sometimes by the cares and concerns of this present world.

It's not His judgement that causes me to fear Him (sure that's there), it's His love...

It simply amazes me and leaves me in breathless awe how He can be so good and loving towards me even and especially when I'm just a mess and don't even love myself... What an awesome and beautiful God we serve and how great is His loving kindness towards us!

I'll be in the throws of some emotional turmoil and He will whisper to me to turn to Him, to call on Him and when I do He shows up in a mighty way and shows Himself strong in the situation establishing peace and truth by His presence!

Could go on all day.... telling you what all my savior does for me:)

Re: - posted by StirItUp (), on: 2016/8/25 9:47

Yuehan and Fletcher,

Beautiful testimonies...where the tyre hits the tar, as they say :)

The Lord in our experience...that's the reality we desire and need.