

Do YOU know God? part 6

Is the GOSPEL living in us?

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Main Scriptures: 1 John 2:14-27

Support Scriptures: 1 John 1:1-4; 2 Peter 1:16; John 7: 16-17; John 20:27; Mark 1: 14-15; Luke 23: 46; Luke 24:1-4; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; John 15:9; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 2:6; 1 John 2:6; 2 John 1: 9; John 1:4; John 3:36; Genesis 6; John 5:24; John 6:39; 2 Timothy 1:10; Romans 8:16-17; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13-14

Notes:

Test 1 - Keeping Gods commandments 1

Test 2- Do you love one another?

Test 3 - Are you growing 1 John 2: 12-14

Test 4- Do you love the world - 1 John 2: 15-17

Test 5 - Guarding against the anti-christ - 1 John 2: 18-23

How we live shows quicker whether we know God or not. The believer has one life. He lives one life there is no such thing as spiritual life and secular life. What he does on the job is spiritual and what he does with his family is spiritual. There is a doctrine of a secular life being separate from the spiritual but on the job we are working not for men but for God.

The life we live shows if we believe in God and know him or not. It tells us that the gospel of Jesus must abide in the believer. If we grasp the truth of God's word and live it out in our lives then we prove that we know him.

the opposite is also true, if the gospel is not in us and we are living it out then we do not know God.

IF WE ARE NOT LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST WE DO NOT KNOW GOD.

what we feel, professor what others think about us does not matter if people can't see a picture of Jesus in our life then we do not know God. The genuine believer is the evidence of the gospel of Jesus. When you see a genuine believer you have seen a reflection of Jesus, the image of Jesus. A genuine believer is conformed to the image of Christ Jesus. He dies daily and the gospel is doing work internally

Break down of the scripture verses

verse 24: does the gospel live in you

verse 25: the promise it gives

verse 26: a warning

Verse 27: the provision of Jesus Christ.

What did they hear from the beginning?

A message of Jesus Christ (1 John 1: 1-4). There were those who were eyewitnesses of his life and death and resurrection. John speaks about seeing him and declared the truth

2 Peter 1:16 - they were eyewitnesses of Jesus Christ.

When the apostles say they looked on him the greek word means to look intensely; intensely and earnestly and grasp the meaning and significance of the person.

They looked on Jesus to study and understand Him. Many of us have just glanced at Jesus but John said we have looked intensely at him to understand him.

The tragedy is that a person will never understand Jesus by just glancing at him. If you want to know him we have to look intensely and seek who Jesus is.

John 7: 16-17

You have to get into it to do it. John handled Jesus Christ the son of God that Greek word means handle - in order to examine closely; to groop; to grasp.

Does the gospel abide in us?

Mark 1: 14- 15

Jesus came preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. When John the baptize came his message was one of repentance. Take note of what Jesus is saying, what we read before was what men were saying about him. John preached about him but when Jesus came on the scene this is not man talking about him but what he is saying to the man. Repent and believe the gospel.

The first responsibility of man is to repent. No man is ready to handle the gospel without repentance. No man can receive the gospel until he has dealt with the gospel of repentance.

REPENTANCE OPENS THE DOOR FOR US TO HAVE FAITH IN THE GOSPEL. IT ALLOWS US TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF THE GOSPEL

The word believes comes from the greek "pistio" which means to have faith, to entrust, commit, to put in trust with.

Believe in the gospel means one will commit his life to the gospel of Jesus Christ. I want us to prepare our minds what it means to believe - it means commitment which depicts a lifestyle.

Luke 23: 46; Luke 24: 1-

Jesus entrusts his spirit in the hands of the Father - psalms says he sets his face always before the Lord.

He puts his spirit into the hands of the father knowing that resurrection is sure.

Believing in the gospel of Jesus Christ allows one to be certain of eternal life. You can commit your life to him and the grave will not be able to hold you down. The gospel is the message that we have heard from the beginning.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

The evidence of this great salvation lies in the gospel that lives in us.

This is the final message from God to man - everything the only begotten has said to us.

Does the gospel continue to live in our life?

Are we living this gospel we have received?

Are we confessing that Jesus Christ is the son of God?

If we believe we will commit our lives to him for safekeeping.

Jesus going through the passage of death and says to the father into thy hands I commit my spirit.

Are we letting Jesus live His life in us.

John 15:9; Galatians 2:20;

We are alive even though I am crucified with him. I am living but not I/you but Christ lives in us. That's the gospel.

WHO IS LIVING? is it the old me that should be crucified with Christ or is it Christ living in me

Colossians 2:6; 1 John 2:6

We won't understand him by glancing at him we have to handle him to understand why he spoke the things he spoke.

2 John 1:9

Every believer must look intensely and study the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The gospel gives us eternal life. this promise supersedes all other promises given to us. John said in this fellowship we enjoy the eternal life He promised us. This tells us the gospel must remain in us if we are to receive eternal life.

What is eternal life? the real-life - the life of God. Jesus says "I am the way the truth and life". It is the energy, principle and power, and quality of what life really is.

Any man that does not have Jesus does not have life. He simply exists. But when we have Jesus we have life.

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The purpose and intention of God as it relates to man can only be experienced through Jesus Christ.

Christ Jesus is the quality, essence, power, force and principle of life

Without Christ, there would be no life. In him we live, move and have our being. Life is the purpose, meaning, and significance of being and can only be experienced through Jesus. It is perfection and completeness of being and absolute satisfaction.

Life is the fruit of the spirit - Galatians 2: 22-23

Jesus is the source of Life.

A person who commits his life to Jesus Christ receives eternal life. - 1 John 2:25

John 3:36 - the church must believe this too - that we have everlasting life if we believe. Believe is a continuation our entire life is committed in the hands of the Lord.

Genesis 6 - reflects what the wrath of God is for people not living out the gospel of Jesus.

John 5:24 this body will go to the grave but it's only a passage we don't live in fear of the wrath of God we are looking for the blessed hope.

John 12:25

2 Timothy 1:10; 1 John 5: 11-12

If you have Jesus- not just say Jesus- but if you have Jesus- to have him is to walk the way he walked when he was here to love one another and give your life for others.

Many people who profess to be Christians, and I'm not talking about other denominations, look inside and see if your life reflects the gospel of Jesus Christ. I see men who love the world and money, Jesus said if you want eternal life you must have one master - Jesus.

His disciples can't handle him and money.

This thought keeps rolling over and I look across the church, if God doesn't have your money he does not have you.

Everything Abraham had was God's and we are sons of Abraham.

You can tell those who are convinced of the message of Jesus by what they do with their money.

This gospel makes you unselfish we are to lay down our lives for the brethren we must lay down our life for others. That what the gospel teaches us to do.

The Holy Ghost is a teacher and a protector. It is the anointing of God that teaches us it is our assurance.

Romans 8:16-17

The gospel of Jesus Christ teaches us how to suffer with him that we may reign with him.

2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13-14

No man can come to the Father but through Jesus. The Holy Ghost is the comforter, the helper. When you have the gospel of Jesus you have to get the Holy Ghost.

If you believe on him out of your innermost being will flow rivers of living water

All the world needs is a word from the Lord but the word became flesh - full of grace and truth.

Stretch your faith and say Lord I believe.

The question is: Do we have the gospel of Jesus living in us?

Is the gospel alive in us?

Are we saying Jesus based on vain repetition or when we say Jesus do we feel it on the innermost part of our being.

You can go to the bedside of one who lives in Jesus who is dying and you say Jesus and there is a smile on his face because the believer knows that eternal life lives in Him. Do you have eternal life?

WHO HAS YOUR WILL? the man who has the gospel in him lives like Jesus who came to do the will of him who sent him.

This world is passing away I want the opinion of the one who has authority over the world.

Men may have placed you on a pedestal but deep down you know the gospel is not alive in you and that God does not have your will. You only have the name that you are alive but you're dead. Deep down you know you are passing but you have not passed from death to life. Can you surrender can you let go. Can you make an investment in the gospel of Jesus.

Let this sweet gospel possess you! Lord, I had these ambitions but I didn't surrender to the will you have called me to.

God messed up my plan to go to university and I settled to know the things of God and many talks about me that I was wasting time and condemned me but I stayed in prayer. I saw them when they ridicule me even some in church but the gospel was my companion and the thoughts would come against my mind and I watched my friends in their career and I was working in the church without a salary but when God did things in my life. I watch how God blessed me.

Your money will perish but the gospel will still be alive let the gospel possess you. Let it become your lifestyle.

Repent and believe the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am preaching you into your purpose and into the loving arms of Jesus. Jesus is coming are you ready to meet Him.

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