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## ***The Pastors Message:***

### **Knowing God and Jesus His Son is Not Fleshly!**

James 2:19 *"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble."*

Throughout the world, and in our own Nation we find many religions, but few Christians. I have been strong in repeating this very fact, salvation is not believing in God, salvation is believing in Jesus Christ. Salvation is not in believing only in the name of Jesus Christ nor in the actions of Jesus Christ, but truly trusting Him for Who He is and His actions on the cross to save you from your sins. Anyone can be taught to believe, anyone can be taught to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, but salvation is more than that, salvation is about trusting Jesus Christ as Saviour in totality. Believing in God is simple, god can be anything, I remember John Denver believed in nature as God, some people believe in other people as God i.e. the Pope, anything or anyone can be god to people. People can even believe in Jehovah as God, but they refuse to believe in the true Jehovah. Satan knows God, most demons are fallen angels and they know who God is, and Satan's earthly servants knows who God is because the fight Him. Religious people know who God is, assemblies are filled every week with people that knows who God is. But they still do not know God, because they do not genuinely believe in God as God, neither do they believe in Jesus as Saviour. It is one thing to know God or to know Jesus because hell is full of people who know God, but they really do not know Him. **No one truly knows God until they know Jesus Christ as their Saviour**, no one! Paul wrote these words, *"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."* Romans 10:10 No lost person understands this verse. What is the "heart" God is referring too, it is the inner person or as God calls it the inner man? *"That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;"* Ephesians 3:16 When God speaks of the heart He is not speaking of the blood pumper as we do, He is speaking of the inner person which is actually your spirit. Look closely what Paul wrote in Romans 2:28 - 29 *"For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."* Here notice Paul is speaking to two things, he is speaking of our stance as Christians, we

are not fleshly Jews but spiritual Jews as Christians, and second Paul is not talking about our cutting out in the flesh but in the spirit. But notice Paul said "*circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit*" Paul is saying the "heart of the spirit" which is the outward actions of the inner man. People sometimes say "they have a good heart" but I ask, "in what way" is it pumping well, is the arteries not stopped-up, no their talking about their actions being good. They are believing that their actions are good because they look or sound good to them because their doing what their mind tells them. True believers in Jesus Christ have a living spirit which is their heart as God calls it, God is not talking about the blood pumper but the spirit. The spirit or inner person or heart was given in creation, Adam and Eve were created "upright" or righteous in God's image. It was in the fall they died in two ways, eventually physically but immediately spiritually. They were separated from God, or "hid themselves from God" no longer desiring to be with God. While they still lived physically, spiritually they were dead to God, loosing all access and communication with God, and no longer desiring God. Everything we are to God is spiritual and not physical. We are saved spiritually not physically. God said, "*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*" John 6:63 In Ephesians 2:1 God speaks of quickening our dead spirits, which is our only communication link with God because they were dead. Everything we do in this life for God we do it spiritually. "*For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*" 1 Corinthians 2:11 - 12 And even in our true worship it is spiritual not fleshly, "*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*" John 4:23 - 24 Lost people cannot worship God, neither can they know God nor His Beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Therefore, please let me close with this, if the Holy Spirit has not quickened your dead spirit then you cannot know God. People who are lost can know God, Jehovah God as many things, but to know Him intimately they cannot and do not know Him. They do not recognize His Authority, His Sovereignty, His Works, or even His True Being. They do not recognize His Son Jesus The Christ, His death, burial, and resurrection, they do not understand the cleaning power of His blood, nor do they truly trust Him for their salvation. They do not know or trust the Holy Spirt, and the power and works He accomplishes, nor do they trust Him to deliver them to the gospel to be saved, they do not believe Him as teacher of the scriptures nor the spiritual leader of their works in life. Because they believe they have all these glorious powers in their own spiritually dead selves and their own depraved powers, to do what God does for us. Therefore, while they may know of God, they do not know Him, and this is why they reject God and depend on themselves until they open their lying and depraved eyes in the fiery pits of eternal hell. "*Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*" Romans 1:25

### ***The first lesson of a Christian!***

By Thomas Adams

*"All of you, clothe yourselves with **humility** toward one another, because, God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time." 1 Peter 5:5-6*

Humility is knowing that we are not humble. Alas! who is humble?

Perhaps many who think themselves high in Christ's school, have not yet begun with their A-B-C's. The first lesson of a Christian is humility; and he who has not learned the first lesson, is not fit to take out a new one.

"Much more of true religion consists in deep humility, brokenness of heart, and an abasing sense of barrenness and lack of grace and holiness — than most who are called Christians imagine." (David Brainerd, 1718-1747)

"For those who would learn God's ways, humility is the first thing, humility is the second thing, and humility is the third thing." (Augustine, 354-430)

"Only a broken heart can receive a bruised and crucified Savior!" (George Everard, 1882)