

## **If You Really Knew Me (God), You Would**

### **Know How I Feel About Sin** - *With God, there is no sin (I John 1:5-6)*

- I. Romans 1:28-2:4 - Those who do these things deserve death, have no excuse, take advantage of God, and will not escape.
  - II. I Thessalonians 4:3-8 - God's will for you is your sanctification and to keep your "vessel" pure and honorable (worth something)
    - a. I Peter 3:7 - Applies to the way we treat others, especially in Dating/Marriage relationships
    - b. Ephesians 4:17-18 - We should not act like those who do not know God, even if "everyone is doing it" (see Matt 7:13-14, apply to Matt. 5:13)
    - c. Philippians 2:14-16 - You need to be blameless and innocent, like lights for the world (application: painting a light), or there is no point!, and you won't do it without the Word of Life.
- [[>> Galatians 4:8-9 - *What You Did/What you now do - If nothing has changed, what is the point? <<]]*

### **Obey Me/Submit to Me** - *With God, to know him is enough to convince you to obey him!*

- I. Titus 1:16 – They "say" they know God. Is that enough?
    - a. I John 2:3-4 - If someone says "I know him," and does not keep his commandments, he is a liar.”
    - b. I Timothy 5:8 - If someone does not care for his own household, he has DENIED THE FAITH and has become WORSE THAN AN UNBELIEVER! They are:
      - i. Detestable - "Makes you want to throw up" (cf. Rev. 3:15-16)
      - ii. Disobedient - "Apathy" = "Disobedience" - So if you know you should be doing/changing something, and you're not, that "I don't care" is the same thing as disobeying God!
        1. If you do not take your spiritual life/example/Christian responsibility seriously, and are not careful with it, you are disobeying him!
      - iii. Unfit - "Good for nothing" (cf. II Corinthians 13:5-7)
  - II. II Thessalonians 1:8 - In flaming fire he will inflict wrath on those who 1) do not know him, and 2) do not obey him
    - a. Flaming fire - Hebrews 12:29 - refers to an utter annihilation--no return or chance to fix it.
  - III. Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13-14
    - a. Deuteronomy 10:12 - What else is there? (application: The Waterboy - What was his "secret" to being a good linebacker? Is Christianity not also simple?)
- [[>>Hebrews 10:30 - *Vengeance is Mine <<]]*

### **Love Me and One Another**

- I. Romans 12:19 - (cf. Hebrews 10:30)
  - a. What right do I have to judge? That's God's job!
  - b. What right do I have to withhold forgiveness? Does that mean they are "off the hook" with God?
  - c. What right do I have to act like I'm above sinners? Was it not \*God\* who made the difference in you, and will he not do the same for them?
- II. I John 4:7-8 - If we do not love one another, what does that mean? (I John 3:16-17)
  - a. John 3:16 - If God's "love" does not abide in us, will we receive what his love did for us?
  - b. I John 2:29 - Whoever does righteousness is "born of God" (i.e. his child)

### **Conclusion**

- I. What else does the Bible say about those "born of God?"
  - a. John 3:3, 5 - Required to enter the kingdom of heaven.
  - b. I Peter 1:23 - The Word of God is the seed causing us to be born of God (James 1:21) (Hear)
  - c. I John 5:1 - They believe that Jesus is the Christ (Belief)
  - d. I John 3:9 - They stop sinning (Repentance)
  - e. I Peter 1:3 - Possible through the resurrection of Jesus (cf. Romans 6:4) (Baptism)
  - f. I John 5:4 - They conquer the midnset of this world (Living Faithfully)