

Do You Know God?

Introduction:

- I. **We begin our lesson by asking you: “Do you *Know* God?” – a question I want to illustrate through a story.**
 - A. I want you to listen carefully to this story, that is supposedly true, because there is an important lesson in it.
 - B. You may not get the lesson, or appreciate it, at first, but you surely will when we come back to it later.
 - C. A small boy was playing with his buddies in they back yard.
 1. His father overheard them **talking**.
 2. One of the boys said, “**My dad can whip your dad**”.
 3. Another said, “**My dad knows the mayor of our city!**”
 4. Another said, “**That's nothing — my dad knows the governor of our state!**”
 5. Wondering what was coming next in the “program of bragging,” the father **continued to listen** and heard his son say, “**That's nothing — my dad knows God!**”
 - a. How do you top that?
 - b. You can't!
- II. After **Mark Twain** had made **his triumphant** TOUR through **Europe**, where he was honored by great **universities** and **kings**, **his daughter said:**

(An unbeliever)

"Daddy, I guess pretty soon you will know everybody **except God.**"

A. The truth is, it doesn't matter **who** you know or **how many** you know.

1. Ultimately, **knowing God** is the **only** relationship that **matters for eternity.**
2. But what does it mean to *know God*?

Illustration:

1. A friend comes to you, and he says, "Do you know such and such a person?" **You reply**, "I know there is such a person". (I've heard of him)
2. **Being further asked**, "But do you know him?" **you answer**, "Well, I know that he is a good man and raised a good family."
3. **"But Do you know him?"** the friend asks.
4. **You say**, "Well, I cannot say that I **know him**, for if I were to **see him** I could not recognize him. I have **never heard him speak** nor have I even spoken to him."
5. To be acquainted with a man, having learned about his **past**, his **character**, and his **passions**, is a higher order of knowledge than to merely know of one's existence.
 - a. It is in this sense that man can come to know God.
 - b. Through **study of the Bible** man can become acquainted with God.
 - 1) This involves learning about His **character**, and His **attributes** that include **patience, mercy, and grace**; His **rewards** for obedience and His **wrath** against those who disrespect Him and

rebel against him; and how he has dealt with **people** and **governments** in the past.

2) Knowing these things helps us understand what WE need to **do** to **please** Him, as well as how **to avoid displeasing** Him.

3) Little children sometimes come to know their parents **all too well**.

i. They learn just how much they can **get away with**, without getting punished.

ii. **God's children** should not think this way or behave this way – **ever**.

iii. Rather, we should love and respect God, always endeavouring to please Him so that we never even get close to **arousing His wrath against us**.

B. There are many passages that tell us about God, His **character**, His **attributes**, and His **person (s)** – the trinity; but this lesson will be limited to “knowing God” in the sense of a **relationship**.

III. (LESSON CONTENT) Here are questions related to **this topic that we intend to discuss**:

A. What is **involved** in knowing God?

B. What must we **learn** and know **about** God?

C. Where are the **answers** found?

D. Will I *know God* when I find the answers? &

E. What benefits are there from **knowing God**?

[These are questions that we shall endeavour to answer in the course of this lesson.]

Body:

I. It is important that we learn what it means to know God.

A. **Know** - *"to become acquainted with, to know"* (Thayer);
"to know, understand, perceive, have knowledge of"

(Online Bible Dictionary). [This is the **SURFACE** definition]

1. It is important...because:

- a. To know God is *eternal life*.

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

It is important...because:

- b. ...Those who do not **know** God will be eternally punished.

2 Thes. 1:7-9 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that **know not God**, and that **obey not** the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

2. Thus, to know God means **more** than merely having **knowledge**.

[Let us look at a couple of examples that prove this is true.]

- a. **John 12:42** Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many **believed** on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not **confess** him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

1) They had **knowledge** and even believed !
but had no relationship.

2) And so, they did not *know* God.

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

- 1) Again, DEVILS had **knowledge**, and ***believed!***
 - 2) BUT they had no relationship, which means they **did not know God** and therefore did not have eternal life.
- c. So, one can have knowledge about God, and even **believe** in God, yet not ***know*** God.
- 1) **John 8:19** – When Jewish leaders asked Jesus,
“Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.”
 - 2) They had ***knowledge*** of God, but didn't understand & did not have fellowship with either the Father or the Son—no relationship.
 - 3) **Saul** had knowledge about God, but didn't "***know***" God while he was persecuting the church.

1 Tim. 1:12-14 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; 13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.
 - 4) We can learn a lesson from the **Book of Job**.

Job 42:5 I have **heard** of thee by the hearing of the ear: but **now** mine eye **seeth** thee.

Barnes Commentary on the above text:

"I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear - Referring to the indistinct views which we have of anything by merely hearing of it, compared with the clear apprehension which is furnished by sight. Job had had such views of God as one may obtain by being told of him; he now had such views as are furnished by the sight. The meaning is, that his views of God before were dark and obscure.

"But now mine eye seeth thee - We are not to suppose that Job means to say that he actually "saw" God, but that his apprehensions of him were clear and bright "as if" he did."

- i. And so, **Job** had come to know God **better** based on his interactions and experiences with Him.

- B. Jesus came to earth in the form of a man for the purpose of **revealing** God to the world.

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

1. He revealed God by presenting **himself**.

- a. And he said, if you have **seen me**, you have seen the **father**.

John 14:7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. 9b He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

- b. Paul explained that Jesus "is the **image** of the **invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature" (**Col. 1:15**).

2. Until one has **knowledge** of God, he cannot "**know**" Him, and when we know Christ, we **know** the Father.

C. Before we can know Christ (which is to know the Father) we must learn of Him.

John 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all **taught** of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

1. Learning **OF** God isn't all there is to **knowing** Him.

2. According to **Heb. 11:6**, we cannot please God without doing **two things**:

a. Obtaining **Faith**.

b. Believing His **promises** of **REWARD**.

Heb. 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

II. To know God means more than merely having KNOWLEDGE, or even an UNDERSTANDING of God—it involves being OBEDIENT TO GOD.

A. When we have **knowledge** of God & **obey** Him, we **THEN know** God in a sense that is DIFFERENT from the case of only having *knowledge*.

1 John 2:3-5 And hereby we do know that we know him, **if we keep his commandments**. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

1. **Vs. 3** informs us that to **know God** we must

keep his commandments and that in so doing a relationship is formed.

2. **Vs. 5** – Informs us that if we **keep his word** the *love of God* will be **in our lives** and *perfected*.

John 14:23b (Jesus said) *If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

- B. One who **Knows** God has accepted the apostle's teachings. John said...

1 John 4:6 *We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*

1. It is a contradiction to say we are **pleasing** God while we are at the same time **rejecting** the inspired message!

2 John 9 *Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son.*

Look with me at:

1 Cor. 14:37 *If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.*

- a. This is a very important text (**pertaining to commandments**) that it seems many have overlooked.

- b. Many are arguing that the New Testament is all about LOVE and that there are **no commandments** - just grace.
 - c. According to them, churches can worship any way they want and if anyone insists that we must follow the **doctrine** (commandments of the Lord) he is labeled as being **divisive**, a **legalist** and one who does not believe in grace.
2. The New Testament (which is the **apostles' writings, doctrine, & commandments of the Lord**) instructs us on how to **walk** (live) as Christ **walked** (lived):

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

C. Those who **Know God** are ***in Christ***.

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

1. One **cannot know God** while rejecting His Son, Jesus Christ.

2. In fact, ***all spiritual blessings are in Christ***.

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with **all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ**: *Includes PRAYER*

3. Since those who KNOW GOD are ***"in Christ"*** the importance of **getting into Christ** is evident.

a. While faith is certainly a **requirement** ***"faith only"***

does not result in getting into Christ, nor does it result in getting to **know God**.

- b. One's faith must **lead** to obedience—to being baptized into Christ.

Gal. 3:26-27 - For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been **baptized** into Christ have put on Christ.

III. It is Possible for one to **THINK** he knows God when he really doesn't.

- A. It is unfortunate that some have concluded they *know God* based on **feelings**--that perhaps were derived mainly from **stories** told by others, such as so-called **personal experiences** or **testimonies**.
 1. But the New Testament is **completely silent** regarding feelings, experiences and testimonies as **evidence** of being **saved**, or of having a **relationship** with God.
 - a. **Saul** had an experience, but **he was told** "Go into the city, and it will be told thee what thou **must do**." (**Acts 9:6**)
 - b. He was told to "arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." **Acts 22:16**
 2. Certainly one experiences **good feelings** when he comes to think he knows God, but **feelings** can be deceptive.
- B. Let's note Paul's comment to **Titus** and then look at **Coke's** comment on the passage:
 1. "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate" (**Titus 1:16**).

2. Coke Commentary (regarding Paul's enemies)

They profess that they know God,— *This was their grand pretence for Christianity, and opposing St. Paul; namely, that they best understood the revelation of the mind and will of God in the gospel, as well as under the law; but at the same time pride, and covetousness, and other vices, animated and influenced them.*

C. Now let's hear from **Jesus** on the same matter:

Matt. 7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **doeth** the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

- a. You can rest assured that **if God** does not **know you** then **you** do not **know** Him.
- b. This text clearly teaches that one can THINK he knows GOD, based on his faith that GOD **exists** and his own **works**, but never really **know Him**.
- c. It seems apparent that **this text is about religious people** who were **duped** into believing salvation comes **at the point of faith instead** of at the point of **obeying the gospel** by being baptized.
(see Romans 6:3, 4; 17, 18)
“...Buried with him in baptism...rise to walk in newness of life..” “God be thanked that you were the servants of sin...but you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine that was delivered unto you, being THEN made free from sin ye became the servants of righteousness.”
- d. Regardless of the **reason** for **not obeying the gospel**, whether one was deceived or just acted

on feelings, God said, “**I never knew you.**”

- e. And so, we see there is a **prerequisite** to **knowing God**, which is being baptized to get into the *body*, the *church*, the saved.

(See Col. 1:23 and Acts 2:47)

D. Unless we are willing to be taught by God and willing to **obey** God, we will never **know God**, even if we attend worship services and do many things that make us **feel good** – or that make us **feel** like we have a relationship...

1. Perhaps you know about God, but do not really *know* Him – you don’t have a relationship with Him.
2. You can **change that** by obeying the gospel of Christ in faith & allowing God to come into your life.
3. And then as you take in more knowledge of God (to include Bible **teaching** and **evidences** that **prove** the Bible to be **inspired**) your **relationship** will **grow**, especially once you find your place in the house of God and become **useful** in his service. (1 Tim. 3:15)

IV. How do we get closer to God?

- A. There is no short-cut to getting close to God.
1. We can’t expect that our **prayers alone** will have a favourable result.
 2. We are going to have to make a **conscious effort** to **LISTEN** to God and resolve to **obey**.

Romans 10:17 - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being **not a forgetful hearer**, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

3. One must be more than just a **listener**; he must also be REASONABLE; there are people...that are **not reasonable**.

a. I deal with a lot of people on various FB groups.

b. Some show themselves to be **unreasonable**.

c. You cannot **teach** an unreasonable person.

God wants us to be reasonable: **Isaiah 1:18**

- Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20 But if ye **refuse** and **rebel**, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

d. If we want to **avoid destruction** and have the **blessings** of God that He promises, then we are going to have to **listen**, be **reasonable** and **obey, i.e., to be a DOER**.

1) **Rebellion** is a sin that is not covered by the blood of Christ.

Rom. 4:7 Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

2) The Christian is *continuously cleansed* by the blood as he **walks in the light** (1 John 1:6, 7) but one who **rebels** against God is **walking in darkness** and does not have fellowship with him.

B. We get closer to God by:

1. Not just listening carefully when we read the word, but by **listening to be instructed**.
 - a. We need to be willing for God to change our **thoughts** and **understanding**.
 - b. And we must reject the devil's efforts to cause us to think our desires and traditions are the same as **God's revelation**.
 - 1) **Jesus** (quoting an O.T. passage) said to Jewish leaders, **Mark 7:7-8** **Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men,**

2. We get closer to God when we **develop the attitude** Paul showed in his letter to the Philippians.

Phil. 3:8-10 **Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;**

- C. One cannot truly **know God** until he understands that He is a God of **WRATH**.

1. People don't like to hear much about **His fierce wrath** and the **pain, suffering** and **destruction** He is known to **inflict on people** who don't get to know Him. [He does things to **wake people up!**]

Rom 11:22 Behold therefore the **goodness** and **severity** of God: on them which fell, **severity**; but toward thee, **goodness**, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

2. It is true that the **Bible** teaches that God is **good** to those who **trust** Him and submit to His will, **but it also teaches** that He responds with **terror** toward those who **refuse** to **listen** to Him.

Nahum 1:2-8 2 God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

3 The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked:

6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him. 7 The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. 8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

- a. Whenever a preacher preaches about the **goodness** of God, he speaks only **1/2** of the message God wants man to know.
- b. Paul was very plain in **warning** people of the **wrath of God** and His **judgment** against those who refuse to listen to Him.

2 Cor. 5:9- 11 - Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be **good** or **bad**. 11

Knowing therefore the **terror** of the Lord, we persuade men;...

2 Thes.1:7-10 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire **taking vengeance on them that know not God**, and that **obey not the gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

1) Fortunately, man can be **delivered** from the wrath of God through **Jesus Christ**.

2) **Psalms 34:17**

The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. 21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. 22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

V. What do we (Christians) know about God (based upon what He has revealed to us, that we have comprehended)?

1. We know God **Loved** us enough to give His Son for us that we might have **eternal life**. (John 3:16)
2. We know **God Can not lie** and His word is perfect. (Tit. 1:2)
3. We know God will **avenge** our enemies and stand with us when persecuted. (Eph. 6:10-20; Rom. 12:19)
4. We know God will forgive our sins if we believe in and obey His Son.

(Acts 2:38; Heb. 5:9)

5. We know God has offered us ***the abundant life***. (John 10:10b)
6. We know God has established an ***ark of safety*** (church) on earth. (1 Pet. 3)
7. We know God has given us a ***mediator*** to plead our case. (1 Tim. 2:5)
8. We know God promised us a **heavenly home**. (Col. 1:5).
9. We know God *continually cleanses* us as we “**walk in the light**” that **He** might be able to fellowship us and receive us **into heaven** upon our death. (1 John 1:7; Rev. 21:27)
10. We know that he wants all men to **repent**, to come to a knowledge of the truth and to come to him. (Acts 26:20; 1 Tim. 2:4; Matt. 11:28, 29)

Conclusion:

I. Do you remember the conversation a father overheard that we talked about?

- A. It was boys **bragging** about the **powers** their fathers had.
 1. One said his dad could **fight**—could whip the other boys' dads;
 2. Another said his dad ***knew*** the **mayor**;
 3. And then another said his dad ***knew*** the **governor**.
- B. One who knows the **mayor** of a ***big city*** or the **governor** of a ***state*** can possibly be a **powerful** person, depending on what you mean by “know.”
 1. Everyone in the ***city*** knows the **mayor** in a sense.

2. Everyone in the state knows the **governor** in a sense.
3. So how is it that one can have **real power** simply by **knowing** someone who is **powerful**?
 - a. The answer is, they are CLOSE.
 - b. They have a **relationship** whereby there is mutual **trust** and **respect**—each wants to please the other.
 - 1) If you **know** the mayor or the governor you can get things accomplished—things that benefit **you** and **others** who you recognize as **needing help**; such as a **job**, a **road** needing repair, a **law** passed etc.
 - i. My father knew two governors and was able to help a lot of people get jobs etc.
 - 2) I know a man that got a very high paying job – a politically appointed job where there was much competition for it, simply because his father had been roommates in college with the current President. [They may have not even liked each other but influence was gained by merely telling it.]

C. If knowing some MAN makes one powerful consider the power of one who knows God.

1. Think about great characters we read about in the Bible, like **Abraham**, **Joseph** and **David** – to name a few.
 - a. These men truly KNEW God and they **benefited greatly** from the relationship.
 - b. They used their power (derived from knowing God) to do **good**--to help others--and not just their own **friends** or **family**.

- c. The things these men did, through the help of God, set the stage for Israel being **established as a nation, becoming God's chosen people**, and **Jesus** becoming the **Savior** of all who seek eternal life by trusting and obeying.
- d. Why were these men able to be so close to God?
- 1) They **listened** to Him.
 - 2) They had **faith** in Him--they put their **trust** in God.
 - 3) They were willing to **let God guide** them.
 - 4) And they were willing to **work** and to **fight** for God.
 - i. They were **workers**.
 - ii. They were **warriors** for God.
 - iii. He helped them win their battles as they helped HIM accomplish His will.
- e. Someone says, "**Joseph was not a warrior**".
- 1) **Oh, but he was!**
 - 2) He had enemies; but they were mainly from within—his own family; but because he had a **relationship with God**, he was able to conquer them; and yes, he conquered them.
 - i. When you conquer an enemy, it does not always mean you **killed** them, or even **hurt** them in some way.
 - ii. Joseph **never attacked** his brothers for the evil they did to him.
 - iii. Yet they were brought to their knees-- they repented and became friends with him again—all part of God's plan that

was worked out through the faith of Joseph.

- iv. Through **knowing Joseph**, who *knew God*, each of the brothers were blessed and became leaders of **tribes of Israel**.

II. A popular song in churches of Christ is “Soldiers of Christ Arise.”

1 Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armour on, strong in the strength which God supplies, through his eternal Son;
2 Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his mighty power: who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.
3 Stand then in his great might, with all his strength endued; and take, to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God.
4 To keep your armour bright attend with constant care, still walking in your Captain’s sight, and watching unto prayer.
5 From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray; tread all the powers of darkness down, and win the well-fought day;
6 That, having all things done, and all your conflicts past, ye may o’ercome, through Christ alone, and stand entire at last.

A. “*Soldiers of Christ Arise*” is not talking about **standing to sing** in the assembly of the saints.

1. It is talking about building a relationship with God.
2. It is talking about **applying** yourself with diligence and **love** as a “**soldier of Christ**” who seeks to capture the hearts and minds of the **lost**. (2 Tim. 2:3, 4; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; 2 Pet. 3:14; Heb. 6:11; 2 Pet. 1:5, 10)

B. This is what God wants.

VI. Let the “unknown” become the “known” (Acts 17:16-34).

- A. In **Athens Greece** on a rocky knoll called **Mars Hill**, the people of that city had erected an **altar** that said, “**To the unknown God.**” [This is a **real** place. Been there and have seen it with my own eyes, walked on it.]

B. The altar gave Paul opportunity to **preach** about the ***unknown*** God.

1. But after hearing Paul, some **rejected his teaching**; consequently, to them God **remained *unknown***.
2. The same is true of people today.
 - a. Some **hear** but afterward God remains ***unknown*** because they didn't take the message **seriously** and didn't **accept** and **obey** the teaching, which is a prerequisite to **building** a relationship with God.
 - b. But the record tells us (**vs 32**) some **did** hear, and they replied...
"We will hear thee again of this matter"; and God honors some of them by **recording** their **names**.

"34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them."

Invitation:

A. Do you know God?

1. I'm not asking if you **belief** that He **exists**.
2. I'm asking whether you have a **relationship** with him.
3. I've heard some say, **"God does not need us, but we need him."**
 - a. That is so **NOT true!**
 - b. **He needs you** to help Him help others.

A popular song called **"The World's Bible"** well teaches what I'm trying to get across.

Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way;
He has no tongues but our tongues
To tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help
To bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible
The careless world will read;
We are the sinner's Gospel,
We are the scoffer's creed;
We are the Lord's last message,
Given in deed and word;
What if the type is crooked?
What if the print is blurred?

What if our hands are busy
With work other than His?
What if our feet are walking
Where sin's allurements is?
What if our tongues are speaking
Of things His lips would spurn?
How can we hope to help Him
And hasten His return?

B. If you know that “***knowing God***” means having a good relationship with Him, where there is mutual ***respect*** and ***trust***, you know how much the little boy ***honored*** his father when he said, “my daddy **knows God.**”

1. **Can this be said of YOU?**
2. Or do people think of you much like **Mark Twain's** daughter who didn't seem to think he would **EVER** know God?
3. Some here today may:
 - a. Need to **obey the gospel** to get into the family of God.

b. Others may need to work on being a **warrior** for God—a **worker**; letting Christ use your **hands**, **feet**, and **mouth** to help in reaching others with the gospel.

4. God is the *ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD*.

a. There is no other! (Deut.6:4; Isa.45:5; Ex.20:3; 1 Thes.1:9).

b. There is **no one above Him**; there is nothing with which to compare Him.

c. **Christians**, keep on **endeavoring** to **build** your **relationship** with God – to say it is worth your time is a huge understatement.

d. If you are not a Christian and want to know God why wait another hour?

2 Cor. 13:14 - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. (end)