

KNOWING THAT WE KNOW GOD (1 John 2:3-6)

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TEXT: 1 John 2:3-6

MAIN IDEA—Consistent obedience to the commands of God is a major way of knowing that we really know Jesus Christ as our Lord.

MEMORY VERSE [1 John 2:3]

THE PROFESSING UNBELIEVER (1 John 2:3-4)—

This is a profession without obedience. This person gives a verbal profession of faith in Jesus as Lord but does not live in obedience to His commands. There is no fruit of Christlikeness because they practice rejecting God's word and live by their own rules. John declares this person is a liar!

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1 John 4:2, 6, 13; 5:2

Matt. 7:15-20; James 2:14-20

Mt.7:21-23

THE PERSON WHO LOVES AND OBEYS GOD (1 John 2:5a)—The person that truly knows and loves God is marked by a lifestyle of obedience. Though his obedience to God is certainly imperfect, it is nevertheless a normal and ever-increasing desire and characteristic of his life.

Eph. 2:8-10

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Are you a believer in Christ? Is your life different now that you are in Christ? Do you habitually keep his word? This is how you can know that you know God.

*****The Bible teaches that obedience to God should be: from the heart [Rom. 6:17]; willing [Isa. 1:19]; our delight [Ps. 40:8] and Constant [Phil. 2:12]. The Psalmist prayed to learn obedience [Ps. 143:10].**

Phil. 2:5-11

Phil. 2:12-13

ABIDING IN CHRIST (1 John 2:6)—The person who walks as Jesus walked, in his personal

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character and speech, is truly abiding in Christ. This is the person who has truly come to know God.

John 6:38; John 8:29; Matt. 17:5

Matt. 9:36; John 15:1-8

John R.W. Stott (1921-2011) --*Just as life flowing through the vine enables the branches to bear fruit, and that fruit indicates the nature of the plant's life within, so it is with a true Christian who abides in Christ. If we really walk in the light with God, our behavior will become more and more like that of the Lord Jesus.*