

KNOW THE TRUTH
Our Fellowship/Our Faith
John 8:19-36

God's greatest desire is fellowship with his children. HE IS DESPERATE FOR US!!! Jealous for us
Exodus 34:13 *For thou shalt worship no other god; for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.*
Proverbs 8:30 *Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;³¹ Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.*

2 Cor 6:16 *What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people*

He knows us! He wants us to know him?

Psalm 139:1-3 *1 O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. 3 Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.*

The greatest determinant in how well we know someone is??????

John 8: 31-32 ³¹ *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye **continue** in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;*³² *And ye shall know the truth,*

The Word produces intimacy with God. Why?

John 1:1-2, 14

1 John 1:1-3 *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; ² (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)* 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.*

He wants us to know him intimately!!!! Not to be acquainted with him, not to just believe the story, but to truly know him!!!!

John 8: 32 YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH

Ephesians: 3:20 AND TO KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Romans 8:28 FOR WE KNOW THAT ALL THING WORK TOGETHER

He's talking about our faith, our knowing, our assurance of who he is and what he says beyond what we see, hear or feel. That's our faith! It's our knowing and trusting in God's word in the absence of physical proof! That's our faith, that's our knowing, that's our assurance. And when the word talks about our belief, it's normally talking about our faith or our knowing, in connection with our heart.

In church we confuse Understanding, Belief and Knowing.
These 3 things are progressive positions along the continuum of faith and agreement.

- JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND
- UNDERSTAND AND DON'T BELIEVE
- SOME FOLK BELIEVE BUT STILL DON'T REALLY KNOW

And what Christ is saying is I need you to continue in my word, seek me in my word because the more time you spend with me, in my word, meditating on my word, praying my word the more I'll strengthen your faith. The less you'll depend on what you understand and can wrap your head around and the more you'll take me at my word.

Our intimacy and agreement with God is predicated on what we do with the word!

Hebrews 4:1-2 1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

WORD + FAITH = OBEDIENCE

