

1st John # 31

“Love for God made Complete”

1st John 2:4-5

The more we know of God, the more we understand His plan and policy and how He relates to us which increases our potential to know God.

The more we understand how God deals with us, the better our life is going to be because life is not all fun and good times; there are many problems and difficulties that can cause people to become depressed.

When we know that we have come to know Jesus Christ, we realize that God the Father revealed Himself through His Son and if we continue to walk in the Light, we eventually become so occupied with the Person of Jesus Christ, that He solves all our problems.

Our knowledge of Jesus Christ is a reality that increases when we choose to follow His commands.

Obeying commands is not legalism which is the idea that we receive credit or blessing from God because we obeyed certain commands.

Obedience is necessary for success in the Christian life but we don't grow because we're obedient; we're obedient when we continuously abide in fellowship with Jesus Christ.

And then we come to know God through studying His Word and as we understand and appreciate His grace, we come to love Him because we know Him.

Obedience to God comes before advanced knowledge of Him and to be obedient to God, we must know what He expects of us, so we have to study His Word.

God must reveal Himself to man and man must respond on a grace through faith basis which means human reasoning and human sensory perception are not valid for understanding God.

The emphasis in 1st John 2:4 is on the subject: ‘*I know God*’ but we can't come to know God on our own; we're not smart enough because we'd have to be infinite.

Man is a finite limited creature who ignores his limitations when he becomes self-centered where he expands his limitations to non-limitations and immediately becomes dangerously flawed.

Every system of human thought or speculation must inevitably conclude: ‘Either I have come to know God or since I have not come to know God, God does not and cannot exist.’

No one can understand or come to know God apart from biblical truth; the revelation of God and no one can understand biblical truth apart from residence and function inside the plan of God.

There is no momentum in the spiritual life apart from daily learning and applying biblical truth.

Our thinking has to be heightened daily because we're facing a genius who is far greater than any human genius who ever existed.

If the Word of God is not our #1 priority, there's no way we're going to achieve anything in life that remotely relates to happiness.

We can achieve what the world would consider great things and still be miserable.
A powerful secret of life is to achieve, attain and possess and through it all, be truly happy from capacity in the soul and that's impossible unless we have biblical truth resident in our souls, ready for use.

Our love for God grows when we spend time learning, meditating on and applying His Word.

By this process, we come to know who God is and then we can understand the depths of His grace and all that He does for us, resulting in greater appreciation for

His love; 1 John 4:19 *We love because He first loved us.*

As we understand the depths of His love for us, our love for Him is brought to completion or maturity.

If we're not motivated from our own soul and what we know about God's Word and our motivation depends on other people; we have no momentum of our own because we have no motivation of our own.