

## 2. Knowing Jesus and Being Known By Him

*And this is eternal life, THAT THEY MAY KNOW YOU, the only true God, AND JESUS CHRIST whom You have sent. (John 17:3 NKJV)*

*You are the only true God. If they KNOW YOU, AND JESUS CHRIST whom you sent, they will live for ever. (John 17:3 WE)*

*... when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on THEM THAT KNOW NOT GOD, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; (2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 KJV)*

**Knowing about Him is not the same as knowing Him.**

**Greek word for *Know* (*ginōskō*):**

- Knowledge grounded on **personal experience**
- **To become known**
- Jewish idiom for **sexual intercourse** between a man and a woman

*And KNEW her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS. (Matthew 1:25 KJV) (Same Greek word for Know) (a reference to Joseph and Mary)*

*My sheep hear my voice, and I KNOW THEM, and they follow me: And I give unto THEM eternal life; and they shall never perish, (John 10:27-28 KJV)*

**Jesus gives Eternal Life to those He KNOWS.**

*Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord KNOWS those who are His,” (2 Timothy 2:19 NKJV)*

*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? And then will I profess unto them, I NEVER KNEW YOU: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Matthew 7:22-23 KJV)*

**By the definition listed above to KNOW Him is to also be KNOWN by Him.**

It appears that this group of people did not understand the message of **the gospel of grace** and were expecting favor based on their **good works**.