Introduction

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The Major Problem in the World Today is; <u>Lack of Biblical Knowledge</u>.

People come to church and say amen, But don't understand or believe what God is saying. Most come to church to be entertained. Someone correctly stated "the church is a mile wide but an inch deep!" The vast majority of people in the World don't believe God is real and mock Him. This is very dangerous because they are not Born-Again and going to hell. They don't know that they don't know!

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. (Hosea 4:6)

For I bear them record that <u>they have a zeal of God</u>, <u>but not according to knowledge</u>. For they <u>being ignorant of God's righteousness</u>, and <u>going about to establish their</u> <u>own righteousness</u>, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

(Rom. 10:2,3)

But <u>some people have missed this whole point</u>. They have turned away from these things and <u>spend their time in meaningless discussions</u>. They want to be known as teachers of the law of Moses, but <u>they don't know what they are talking about</u>, <u>even though they speak so confidently</u>. <u>We know that the law is good when used correctly</u>. (1 Tim. 1:6-8) NLT

<u>Unless the LORD builds a house, They who build it labor in vain;</u> Unless the LORD guards a city, The watchman stays awake in vain. (Salmo 127:1) NASB

The Holy Spirit Will Guide You Into The KNOWLEDGE of the Lord

Jesus was nearing the end of His ministry and was returning to the Father in Victory fulfilling all that God had told Him to do about the forgiveness of humanity's sins. Jesus was introducing the Holy Spirit to them. He promised them He would not leave them as orphans but would come back to live In Them! He said; The Holy Spirit would be a better helper to them because, not only would He be with them but would be in them!

"I will ask the Father, and <u>He will give you another Helper</u>, <u>so that He may be</u> with you forever; the Helper is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him;

but you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. "After a little while, the world no longer is going to see Me, but you are going to see Me; because I live, you also will live. "On that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I in you. "The one who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him." (John 14:15-21) NASB

But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (John 16:5-15) ESVS

Jesus said; In That Day You Will Know; What Day is That?

What Day was He talking about? The Day the Holy Spirit came to permanently dwell in Mankind. After Jesus took His Blood Sacrifice to Heaven and sat next to the Father.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. (1 Cor. 2:12-16)

God's Calling to Every Christian is but <u>ONE THING</u>
To be transformed into the Image of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit!

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass (*mirror*) the glory of the Lord, <u>are</u> changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as <u>by the Spirit of the Lord</u>.

(2 Cor. 3:18)

<u>I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me</u>: and <u>the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,</u> <u>who loved me</u>, and <u>gave himself for me</u>. (Gal. 2:20)

I discerned that many people in Church are not really saved (Born Again). They act like they are saved but really are not: "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." (2 Tim. 3:5): I have seen people coming to the Alter crying to get saved after a good message, but days later their life has not changed. They continue in their same Sin and are not repentant. They make excuses for their sinful behavior while continuing to wallow in the darkness, and don't even ask for spiritual help! There is something wrong here!

That <u>he might present it to himself a glorious church</u>, <u>not having spot</u>, <u>or wrinkle</u>, or any such thing; but that <u>it should be holy and without blemish</u>. (Eph. 5:27)

We Need The KNOWLEDGE of God

Without the knowledge of God we are totally helpless. What we know in the natural will not deter the devil from deceiving us. You can witness this very thing in the world and even in the so called Christian Churches. Now we know that those who are filled with the Holy Spirit have a deep understanding of the Knowledge of God.

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (Eph. 4:13-15)

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, <u>do not cease to pray for you</u>, and to <u>desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding</u>; That <u>ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing</u>, <u>being fruitful in every good work</u>, and <u>increasing in the knowledge of God</u>;

<u>Strengthened with all might</u>, <u>according to his glorious power</u>, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; <u>Giving thanks unto the Father</u>, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: (Col. 1:9-12)

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (2 Pet. 1:2,3)

And have <u>put on the new man</u>, <u>which is renewed in knowledge after the image</u> <u>of him that created him</u>: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. Put on therefore, <u>as the elect of God</u>, <u>holy and beloved</u>, <u>bowels of mercies</u>, <u>kindness</u>, <u>humbleness of mind</u>, <u>meekness</u>, <u>longsuffering</u>; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: <u>even as Christ forgave you</u>, <u>so also do ye</u>. (Col. 3:10-13)

But <u>grow in grace</u>, and <u>in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ</u>. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. (2 Pet. 3:18)

Wisdom Cries Out, But Few Pay Attention

Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying, How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil. (Prov. 1:20-33)

Like Paul Washer has said; "The World and the Church today, suffer from a superficial Gospel, preached by superficial men, with superficial doctrines." Churches are full of dead Christians that do not let the Holy Spirit minister, or fake Pentecostal Christians that mimic the moving of the Spirit but really is a move of the flesh. Their fruit is of an emotional move of carnality. Do not be deceived beloved of God. The True Church has always been very small (remnant), and guided by the Holy Spirit not men with big DR. degrees.