

# The Whole World Labors to Obtain Knowledge

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*The truth is, since the fall of man, man has had to labor, toil, suffer affliction, and the deadly sting of Sin. Before the fall, man had a daily communion (fellowship) with God. God came down to the garden at the cool of the day to have a conversation. Adam had two natures at that time (spirit nature, and human nature). After he sinned against God and fell, he lost his Spiritual nature and attained a carnal nature (sinful nature). Man was back to two natures (the human nature and the sinful carnal nature). But, thank God for Jesus who came down from Heaven and restored to man (the Cross) what he had lost to the devil by deception. After the Cross a Spiritually saved man has three natures within him (human nature, spiritual nature, and the carnal nature). An unsaved person has only two natures within him (human nature, and carnal nature). Mankind has always depended on knowledge to move forward. Think about it, everyone must have knowledge to accomplish something. Everyone will be responsible to know something. And this knowledge will shape you into the person you are or are becoming. With this being said; since the existence of man - There are Only **Three Types of Knowledge** man has ever been exposed too throughout the ages. We must understand that... **Only One comes from GOD!***

- 1. Knowledge of GOD - (TRUTH)**
- 2. Knowledge of the World - (sinful man, carnal nature, unbelief)**
- 3. Knowledge of Satan, or by Satan - (total destruction of humanity)**

## **1. Knowledge of GOD - (TRUTH)**

*The Knowledge of God can Only come from **His Word** (The Bible). Now, later we will talk about the Holy Spirit. But we need to know right off the start that the Holy Spirit can only reveal the Word you already have in you. In other words, the Holy Spirit comes to reveal God's Word to you (1 Cor. 2:10-16). If you know nothing about the Bible, how can the Holy Spirit reveal anything to you. All the knowledge of God you desire to know is in the Bible. The Bible is God's Knowledge and instructions to man. It is His Personal Love Letter to man. So, God wants us to know Him personally and Love Him by obeying His Commandments. Remember God gives us a choice of who we want to believe and follow. Only the **TRUTH** that comes from God's Word can set a person free from all evil.*

And ye shall **know the truth**, and **the truth shall make you free**. (John 8:32)

But he answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone,** but **by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.** (Matt. 4:4)

**All scripture is given by inspiration of God,** and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Tim. 3:16,17)

But know this first of all, that **no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,** for **no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will,** but men **moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.** (2 Pet. 1:20,21) NASB

**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 also will forget thy children. (Hos. 4:6) ASV

*The Effects of God's Word; (What it will do for you)*

1. **Brings Faith** - (Rom. 10:17) *Need more Faith? Read the Word.*  
So then **faith cometh by hearing,** and hearing by **the word of God.**

2. **Produces New Birth** - (James 1:8) *By the Incorruptible Seed*  
Seeing ye have purified your souls in **obeying the truth** through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of **corruptible seed,** but of **incorruptible, by the word of God,** which liveth and abideth for ever. (1 Pet. 1:22,23)

*The nature of the seed produces the nature of its life. An Apple seed will never produce a Pear tree. The Word of God (seed) is Incorruptible, and will produce an Incorruptible Life (Holy and Eternal).*

3. **Provides Nourishment for every stage of spiritual growth**  
*Baby christians need milk - (1 Pet. 2:2,3)*  
*As they grow, they need bread - (John 6:35 and 6:48)*  
*The Mature Disciple needs strong meat - (Heb. 5:12-14)*

4. **Brings Mental Illumination** - (Psalm 119:130)  
The entrance of thy words **giveth light;** it **giveth understanding** unto the simple.

**Light** is different from education. You can be educated and be totally in the dark. Education is not Light. Wisdom and Education are not the same. Wisdom comes through Light.

*Most of the trouble in this world is caused by educated fools. (including some Biblical institutions). Someone said, if a man is a thief he'll steal a railroad car; but if you educate the same person he'll steal the whole railroad. Education is a useful tool, but it is not Light. Some of the most educated minds are in the deepest darkness (evolution scientists). Only the entrance of God's Word brings Light.*

**5. Brings Physical Healing - (Psalm 107:17-20) “our rebellion brings Affliction”**

Fools because of their transgression, and **because of their iniquities, are afflicted**. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he **saveth them** out of their distresses. He sent his word, and **healed them**, and **delivered them** from their destructions. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

(Psa. 107:17-22)

*Fools are afflicted because of their iniquity. Some of us would never associate our illness to wrong living. Notice - God's Word **Saves, Heals, and Delivers**. Most people run around to find a famous preacher to lay hands on them and heal them. I guess they forgot (Psalm 107:19). **God Saves, Heals, and Delivers.***

**6. Brings Victory over Sin and Satan - (Psalm 119:9-11)**

How can a young man **keep his way pure? By living according to your word.**

I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (Psa. 119:9-11)

*Most young kids today believe they cannot live a pure life. Their educators teach them that way (safe sex etc...). A young man (anybody) who lives in and by the Word of God can live a pure life. Jesus fought and destroyed Satan thru the Word of God, simply saying; “**It Is Written.**” He used the **Sword** of the Spirit. (Eph. 6:17)*

**7. Brings Cleansing and Holiness - (Eph. 5:25,26)**

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her **holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.**

*The Word of God washes us, sanctifies us, and cleanses us. (1 John 5:6)*

This is he that **came by water** and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but **by water and blood**. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

*The Blood redeems us, but by water he cleans us and sanctifies us.*

**Redeemed by the Blood, but Cleansed by the Word. We need Both.**

**8. *Is a Spiritual Mirror* - (James 1:23-25) NIV**

Do not merely listen to the word, and so **deceive yourselves**. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at **his face in a mirror** and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately **forgets what he looks like**. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, **not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it** he will be blessed in what he does.

(James 1:22-25)

*The Bible is a spiritual mirror, if you look into it, it won't show you your physical appearance - it will show you what you are really like on the inside (heart, spirit). We must align our image (mirror) to the image of Jesus Christ the Son of God. And it is done thru the Word of God and the Spirit of God.*

***In Conclusion; Are Words Important?***

***You be the judge...***

But I say unto you, That **every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.** For **by thy words thou shalt be justified,** and **by thy words thou shalt be condemned.** (Matt. 12:36,37)

**2. *Knowledge of the World* - (sinful man, carnal nature, unbelief)**

*This type of knowledge **totally excludes God from their thinking**. Only what man says is truth. Self gratification is their god, if it feels good do it! Humanism is their religion, and Evolution is their foundation for science even when evolution has been proven a false science and a myth by real scientists who prove it through Empirical Scientific facts. Remember, in their world of fantasy and vain imaginations God cannot exist; so anything goes. Common sense tells us that this type of thinking will eventually destroy itself. And yes, I do believe the Devil has some say in their type of thinking.*

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.** (1 Cor. 2:14)

For **the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.** For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, **The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.** (1 Cor. 3:19,20)

Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning; **for some have no knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.** (1 Cor. 15:34) NASB

For it is written, **I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.** Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? **hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?** For after that in the wisdom of God **the world by wisdom knew not God,** it pleased God **by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.** (1 Cor. 1:19-21)

For I bear them record that **they have a zeal of God,** but **not according to knowledge.** For they **being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

(Rom. 10:2-4)

As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein **are some things hard to be understood,** which **the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.** Ye therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, **beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, ye fall from your own stedfastness.** (2 Pet. 3:16,17) ASV

For **the wrath of God is revealed** from heaven against **all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men,** who **suppress the truth in unrighteousness,** because **that which is known about God is evident within them;** for **God made it evident to them.** For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that **they are without excuse.** For even though they knew God, they **did not honor Him as God, or give thanks;** but **they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.** **Professing to be wise, they became fools,** and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. Therefore **God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity,** that their bodies might be dishonored among them. For **they exchanged the truth of God for a lie,** and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason **God gave them over to degrading passions;** for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

And just as **they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind**, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with **all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice**; they are **gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful**; and, **although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.** (Rom. 1:18-32) NASB

But **false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you**, who will **secretly introduce destructive heresies**, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. And **many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned**; and **in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.** For **if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly thereafter**; and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day with their lawless deeds), then **the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties**, whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord. But these, **like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed, suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you, having eyes full of adultery and that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children**;

**forsaking the right way they have gone astray**, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness, but he received a rebuke for his own transgression; for a dumb donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet. These are **springs without water**, and **mists driven by a storm**, for **whom the black darkness has been reserved**. For **speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption**; for **by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved**. For if after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they **are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first**. For **it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment delivered to them**. It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "**A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT**," and, "**A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire**." (2 Pet. 2:1-22) NASB

### ***3. Knowledge of Satan, or by Satan - (total destruction of humanity)***

*The knowledge of Satan will bring about the total destruction of man. Ever since God created man, Satan has been deathly jealous. The creation of man is a higher creation than that of the Angels. In man's creation, God can live inside him and become One with Him (1 John 4:13 - 2 Cor. 13:5). Biblical Scholars agree that Satan is mentally insane. He cannot reason or get himself back to moral sanity. Because of such deep sin, his mind is totally depraved and insane. You could say that he is beyond crazy. God created hell for Satan and Demons, but man will also go there if he aligns himself with Satan. Satan's **greatest strategy in trying to destroy mankind is deception**. And **deception can only bear its fruit through ignorance**.*

**"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."** (John 8:32) NIV

### ***We Have to Fight a Powerful Enemy (by Grace thru Faith)***

*Satan is powerful and has a kingdom. He rules by deception, power, and intimidation. His evil government has a chain of command. His kingdom is ruled by evil fallen angels and demons.*

**Put on the whole armour of God**, that ye **may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil**. For **we wrestle not against flesh and blood**, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against **the rulers of the darkness** of this world, against **spiritual wickedness in high places**.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (Eph. 6:11-13)

### ***Satanic Government and Chain of Command***

1. Principalities - beings of the highest order or rank; very powerful evil angels.
2. Powers - ranked immediately below the Principalities. Authority to execute the will of the chief rulers.
3. Rulers - world rulers that carry out the powers of the rulers.
4. Spiritual Wickedness in High Places - refers to demon spirits (not fallen angels like the above) this group are demon spirits are capable of direct contact with human beings. They are similar to foot soldiers that carry out the evil angels plans. Demon spirits are the ones who carry out Satan's evil works on earth. They have the ability to effect peoples mind and emotions. They try to corrupt your life and steal your faith.

### ***We Wrestle Not Against Flesh and Blood*** (what does this mean in the Greek?)

*This refers to a face to face, eye to eye contact warfare; and the loser would have their eyes gauged out! Paul refers here to how the Romans fought to win in their arenas of competition. It was brutal and to the end. Paul is telling us there is a brutal spiritual wrestling match going on in our lives. It is going on in the spiritual realm, and it's between you and the powers of darkness. Someone is winning that battle. Either you are winning the battle or Satan (demonic spirits) are winning the battle. If the demon spirits are winning the battle in your life they have gauged your spiritual eyes out and you cannot discern the things of God. Many are blind spiritually in church to what God is trying to do! In this eternal war, someone is getting their eyes gauged out constantly.*

“In whom the god of this world hath **blinded the minds** of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” (2 Cor. 4:4)

*Most Christians are walking around spiritually blind with their eyes gauged out. They have no discernment to see what God is doing in His church. They are self deceived and think they are doing God's will when they really are a stumbling block to the Holy Spirit and the work of God. Many soldiers in the church have been blinded by satan and cannot discern the will of God. When Truth is presented to them they cannot see it or receive it!*

*Case and point; take all the church people that voted for Biden and the Democrats!  
Look what happened. We don't win automatically because we accept Jesus and are Born Again!  
We labour to put on the whole armor of God, and fight the evil forces till the end.  
We fight the good fight of faith to serve and **Honor our KING**. (1 Tim. 6:12)  
Satan will use deceived human beings at times to stop the will of God in our life.  
Demon spirits will even work thru so called Church leaders to discourage you from  
doing the will of God. The goal of demon forces is to shipwreck your faith.*

“But I have prayed for thee, that **thy faith fail not**: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.” (Luke 22:32)

***Put On the Whole Armor of God.*** (What does this mean?)

*Some dumb preachers and teachers have you go thru the physical motions every morning of putting on the armor; how stupid can a person get! God is talking **Spiritually** not Physically. God is saying to us, put on Christ (His Armor) so you can destroy the wiles of the devil. We must Daily take up the Cross by Faith!*

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, **let him deny himself**, and **take up his cross daily**, and **follow me**. (Luke 9:23)

*Put on the whole armor of God (the Cross) is a military command by God to the believer. It is not a suggestion. We are now Born Again into God's Kingdom and in the **Army of God**. We are soldiers of Christ in a great spiritual battle against Satan. Good verses evil, God verses Satan (read Tim.). We put on Christ 24/7 that is our whole armor.*

***Why Put On God's Armor?***

*Because we face a powerful enemy (Satan) and all the powers of Hell (Demons). Since Christ overcame them we too can overcome them in Christ (His Armor).*

And **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb**, and **by the word of their testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (Rev. 12:11)

***Satan's goal is to destroy your Faith in Christ! (Lack of Trust)  
He will try to separate you from the Cross and the Blood.***

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, **let him deny himself**, and **take up his cross**, and **follow me**. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall **gain the whole world**, and **lose his own soul**? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matt. 16:24-26)

Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, “**Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!**” But he said to her, “**You speak as one of the foolish women speaks**. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?” **In all this Job did not sin with his lips**. (Job 2:7-10)

**Though He slay me, I will hope in Him**. Nevertheless I will argue my ways before Him. (Job 13:15)

**Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

(Jam. 4:7)

*To oppose or resist something, and endure (stand and withstand) means to resist and endure the attacks till the very end. Do not give up, for in due season you will attain the victory.*

And **let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not**. (Gal. 6:9). NASB

*This battle will last till the Lord comes back (rapture). We must hold our ground and stand! We must be wearing the whole armor (in Christ) by Faith thru Grace always Trusting Christ and what He did on the Cross. If we lose our Faith we will lose our Salvation.*

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, **Satan hath desired to have you**, that he may sift you as wheat: But **I have prayed for thee**, that **thy faith fail not**: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. (Luke 22:31,32)

***The Whole Armor Begins with TRUTH. (Why is that?)***

**Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. (Eph. 6:14) NLT**

*Without the Foundation of TRUTH nothing will work. All the armor in the Roman soldiers armor was somehow latched on to the belt. If the belt was not properly put on right everything else would fall apart. Many Christians are putting Saul's armor on, or even worse due to wrong teaching they are trying to put on the belt improperly. The armor of God begins with TRUTH. "You will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free" (John 8:32). If we don't get TRUTH Right nothing else will work. If we don't understand this we will put on faulty armor. Remember Satan will try to gouge our eyes out, If Satan gauges our eyes out we can't see God's TRUTH. Some people try to live their lives in a self-righteous state. Our Righteousness comes from God nothing else!*

***This Brings Us to Our Next Lesson; (Lesson # 23)***

***"A Complete Look at Church History"***

*After the death of the last apostle (John), the church had no personal example to imitate. Over time, the church began to deviate from the Truth and became what is called - the Catholic Church. In this time period the Devil almost destroyed the Church of God completely. This era is recognized as the Dark Ages. Centuries before the 16th century reform were dark times for the church. As the papacy and the ruling church increased in power across Europe, they cast a dark cloak across the land. Corruption, doctrinal decline, and great immorality swept through the church, making this period known as the Middle Ages of Christianity. It was dark because the light of the Gospel of Christ was almost extinguished in this period, because the darkness of sin had permeated all the ranks of the church, from the Pope to the common people. While the church continued to maintain an appearance of piety and Christianity, it was quite a spectacle to deceive the laity. They mentioned Jesus Christ and God but only in name, not in deeds and doctrine.*

*They were like a people groping in the dark with only the sparks of their own burning fire, without the true light of Christ and His Word guiding them. Here is where the false doctrines of devils came into the church! Sale of indulgences; holy water; purgatory; mass in Latin; prayer to Mary; and the saints; adoration of images; kissing the feet of the pope; canonization of the deceased; celibacy of the priests; transubstantiation; the infallibility of the pope:*