

NECESSARY THINGS TO KNOW

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When we consecrate our lives to God, it is like placing ourselves under His teaching and training, completely, every day. Looking to Him as our only teacher and guide, to lead us through our every trial and test. It is more of a blessing than one can imagine to have God as our personal Teacher and Guide.

God is always there with His utmost patience and wisdom to teach us the necessary things we need to know for our present and eternal welfare. There are three things that God, who wants to be our Teacher, wants us to learn.

God wants us to know exactly what Jesus came to this earth to do for us. Then He wants us to trust in Him alone for everything we want done, and then to take Him at His Word.

Every temptation that we meet up with, we will have the opportunity of using these three things in receiving our victory. The encouraging thing about it would be that, with every victory we receive, our knowledge of God will increase, and our Christian character will grow and develop into the very image of Christ.

Satan cannot rob us of any part of our Divine inheritance, in any part of our life, when we fully understand what these three necessary Truths really mean and take full advantage of each one.

To know what Jesus Christ did for us on Calvary's Cross is worthy of our most careful study and meditation. When we fully comprehend what He did for us, we will be delivered from any trouble that we may be in.

Through that great work on the Cross, Jesus took away everything that God ever had or ever could have against us, throughout our entire life. He reconciled us to God and became our worthiness. He has borne all our guilt, and the punishment that should have been ours, all because of the Fall of Adam. Isaiah puts it this way, Isaiah 53:6, *"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."*

Paul tells us in Romans 5:8, (20th Century Translation) *"But God puts his love for us beyond all doubt by the fact that Christ died on our behalf, while we were still sinners."*

Then Paul tells us in Romans 8:31-34, (20th Century Translation), *"What are we to say, then, in the light of all this? If God is on our side, who can there be against us? God did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up on behalf of us all; will he not, then, with him, freely give us all things? Who will bring a charge against any of God's People? He who pronounces them righteous is God! Who is there to condemn them? He who died for us is Christ Jesus, or, rather, it was He who was raised from the dead, and who is now at God's right hand and is even pleading on our behalf!"*

Some may think that they are not worthy of God's blessings. Of course, no one is worthy of themselves, but Jesus Shed Blood became our worthiness. By His Blood we have all God's blessings, forever ours. The entire Bible teaches us that no human being ever had or could have one speck of worthiness of their own.

In the fourth chapter of Genesis this is made very clear. Cain and Abel came to make an offering. Cain brought an offering that he thought would make him worthy of being accepted by God. He brought the fruit of the field, things that he himself had worked hard for.

Abel brought a little lamb, something of God's creation; a life that God had given and a life that Abel did not have to work for—he came with the blood of a little lamb as an offering to God.

The writer of the Book of Hebrews tells us the whole story. Hebrews 11:4, *"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh."*

Once we grasp what that means, it eliminates all the difficulties of the Christian life. We do not have to have one speck of worthiness of our own; God never expected us to, nor can we ever have any.

"Being dead yet speaketh" means—from Abel's offering down to the present time, the death of a substitute and their blood, is an all-sufficient offering to God for anything. Therefore, Jesus Christ is a perpetual offering. Hebrews 10:14, *"For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified."*

Then verses 22-23 tells us, *"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience,"* That is, by the Blood of Christ, the same as Abel was delivered. *"And our bodies washed with pure water."* That means our identification with Christ in baptism. —*"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised."*

God gave His greatest Gift, without any merit or worthiness on our part. A Gift from a loving heavenly Father to a desperately wicked world. For as Paul says in Romans 5:6, *"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."*

And verse 10, *"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."*

Not only did Jesus reconcile us to God, but He also bore our sickness, diseases, and all our troubles on the Cross. That includes any worries that Satan would try to put on us on the inside and all the troubles that caused the worries on the outside. They were all borne away by Jesus Christ.

David learned this lesson of being delivered from worry and care, and then being delivered from the troubles that caused the worry.

He tells us about his experience in Psalm 34:4-6, *"I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles."*

It is the same with us. When we see clearly that Satan has no right to oppress us spiritually, in our bodies, our homes, finances, or anywhere else; we will resist him and steadfastly refuse to have his oppressions.

That is what James meant when he said in James 4:7, *“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”*

The second thing we need to learn is that we must be trusting in God alone for anything we want done. This is not just something that God just wants us to do, but it is absolutely necessary that we are trusting in God alone in all things. If we are not, Satan can make trouble for us.

Every trouble that ever came upon anyone has always been because of their dependence on something else besides God. When our confidence and trust is in God alone for all our help, Satan is done. He can fight human power, but he cannot fight God. When he knows our total confidence is in God, he knows there is no more use to attack us.

Of ourselves, we cannot stand against Satan. When we find out how helpless we are of ourselves, and how little we can stand against Satan, God can then rebuke him. Satan can fight us until we understand that we have no strength or power, of ourselves, against Satan; only God can help us, ‘for His strength is made perfect in our weakness.

Resentment is one of the foundation stones of the self-life. We cannot afford to even think about the mean things that may have been said or done to us. Satan will take advantage of those thoughts and stir up hard feelings.

Real Bible Christianity means that we are to have the love of Christ within us so much that we will not have the slightest resentment toward anyone who may have said mean things about us or wronged us in any way. Instead, we are to treat them as nice or even nicer than before anything happened.

Peter tells us in 1st Peter 2:19-23, *“For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.*

“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again.”

They called Jesus some of the most terrible things and even accused Him of being controlled by Beelzebub, the prince of devils. There couldn’t be anything worse than to accuse Jesus of something so horrible. But Jesus met it right, verse 23 says, *“Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.”*

Jesus left His wrongs in the hands of the righteous Judge, a perfect example for us. Not dwell on them, not to even think about them, but place them into God’s hands to take care of and forget about them.

The third necessary thing we need to know, is to take God at His Word. When we first start to trust God, everything is what we see, what we feel, and what we think, which actually is what Satan is saying. He loves to fill our minds with thoughts of unbelief, doubt, fear, and unbelief. We need to reject those thoughts and take God’s Word as the foundation of what we believe.

Remember the two disciples who were traveling from Jerusalem to Emmaus, on the day of Resurrection. They were very sad, downhearted, and discouraged---and all so unnecessary. **WHY? Because they were listening to the thoughts and dark pictures Satan was putting into their minds, instead of believing what God’s Word said.**

They were walking along burdened down with sorrow, when a stranger came to them and asked them what things they were talking about and why they were of such sad countenance.

Luke 24:18, *“And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?”*

Then Jesus said, Luke 24:19-21, *“And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done.”*

Here we see how Satan had succeeded in getting his dark pictures between them and the Word of God;

Their whole horizon was filled with their troubles and difficulties, instead of seeing things as God’s Word said.

But Jesus brought them right back to God’s Word. He said, Luke 24:25-27, *“Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”*

Then they had a different testimony because they were seeing things as God’s Word says they are. They said, verse 32, *“Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?”*

When we take that same right attitude toward God and His Word. We can get down before God and be dead sure that our prayer will be heard and answered. That is what God’s promises give us a right to believe.

These three Truths are a real combination that will bring a deliverance every time.

1. To know what Jesus Christ did for us on the Cross
2. Trust God alone for everything we want done
3. And take God at His Word.

When we fully comprehend what Jesus did for us on the Cross—How He bore all our sins, sorrows, and troubles, His Blood was shed for us that we might be free from sin; and by His stripes we are healed. It has all been paid for by Jesus Blood shed for us on that cruel Cross. All we need to do is to place our whole trust on the living God alone by a deliberate choice, and settle it, that if it costs us our life, we will trust Him, and not accept any other deliverance. When we use that combination, we will go from victory to victory, and grow and develop rapidly in our Christian life, and it will be a real preparation for Eternal Life.



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