

THE GREATEST PERSON WE KNOW

"We know HIM"-1 John 2:3

Beloved of the Lord:

Only a triplet of words, nine letters in all, each word a distinct syllable that can be uttered by a single effort of the voice, yet the summa cum laude of Christian education! John always presents THE PERSON OF CHRIST! In his Gospel he says to the world - "YOU NEED HIM"! To the family of God he writes - "YOU NEED HIM"! And to the Jew, Gentile and Church in Revelation he again declares - "YOU NEED HIM!"

More than seminaries, schools, conferences, convocations, etc. - we need the PERSON OF CHRIST! On the Emmaus road of doubt, despair, discouragement and disillusionment, we read that "JESUS HIMSELF DREW NEAR" - Lu. 24:15. From "Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures, the things concerning HIMSELF" - Luke 24:27. At the close of that first Resurrection day the Great Shepherd re-gathered His disciples and "JESUS HIMSELF STOOD IN THE MIDST" - Luke 24:36. They were again around HIM!

Beloved, by the Holy Spirit we have been brought to a PERSON! - "we know HIM!" It is true Jesus said - "No man knoweth the Son but the Father"-Matt.11:27 and as one servant of God wrote - "There is that both in the life and death of Christ which God alone can comprehend. Our part is to stand with unshod feet and adoring hearts, as we gaze at this "great MYSTERY", God manifest in the flesh, not attempting to define what is indefinable, or gauge what is incomprehensible to creature minds". Nevertheless, John by the Spirit writes--"WE KNOW HIM". God in His Word has revealed some great glories of His Son for our knowledge and blessing, such as He writes in Heb. 1:1-6 describing them to us. Meditate on these: -

1 - HE IS THE FUTURE RULER OF THE UNIVERSE - The "appointed heir of ALL things" - See Eph. 1:10 also. Who can estimate the vastness of this rulership! Let us worshipfully say from our hearts in gratitude and praise, that - "WE KNOW HIM".

2 - HE IS THE CREATOR OF THE WORLDS - "By whom ALSO he made the worlds". See John 1:3 - Col.1:16 - Heb. 11:3. Men vainly seek to discover the origin of the universe, but each believer knows his or her Creator and can say - "WE KNOW HIM"!

3 - HE IS THE BRIGHTNESS OF GOD'S GLORY - All divine attributes of God dwell in the Person of Christ and the moral glories of His Being! See John 12:45-John 14:9. Though far beyond our limited comprehension, yet in humble adoration we say - "WE KNOW HIM!" -Col.1:19;2:9.

4 - HE IS THE SUSTAINER OF THE UNIVERSE - "Upholding ALL things by the word of His power", for "by HIM all things consist (hold together)"-Col.1:17. We ourselves are safe in HIS mighty, omnipotent hands! See John 10:28. Why? Because - "WE KNOW HIM!" Hallelujah!

5 - HE IS THE GREAT SIN PURGER - "By HIMSELF he purged our sins". This is HOW we came to know HIM! We received a PERSON - HIM! - John 1:12. He took our sins away! Then we began to say the precious truth - "WE KNOW HIM!" Let us keep saying it with praise to HIM!

6 - HE IS THE EXALTED MAN IN THE GLORY - He "sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high". Man - the GOD MAN - The MAN, CHRIST JESUS! Psa. 110:1 and Heb. 1:11. Not earthly glory was given Him, but HEAVENLY GLORY! - and we can still say - "WE KNOW HIM".

7 - HE IS THE COMING KING - "He bringeth AGAIN the first-begotten into the world" etc. HE IS COMING AGAIN! Will HE be a stranger to us? NEVER - "WE KNOW HIM"! and even now we say - "EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS!".

We would earnestly pray that the HOLY spirit will raise up Christ centered ministry that will restore the value of HIS PERSON to HIS PEOPLE! Then it will be possible to say and prove the words of John 20:20 - "THEN WERE THE DISCIPLES GLAD WHEN THEY SAW THE LORD"

Faithfully yours in Christ,

