

In SPIRIT and TRUTH

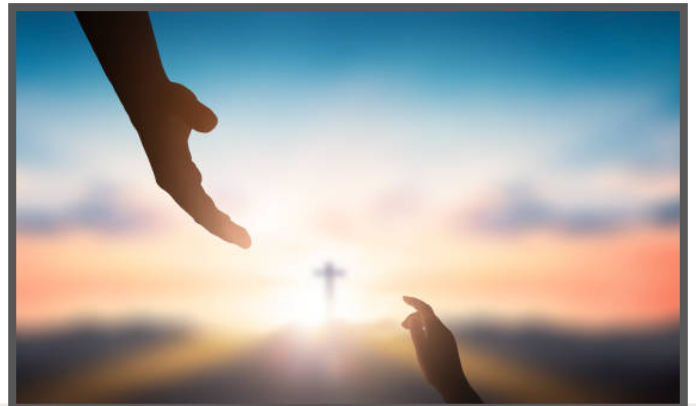
YOU SAY YOU KNOW HIM... DOES HE KNOW YOU?

True Worshipers Commune With the Father

“I know you. You are mine.” That is what the Lord sometimes speaks to me during my times of personal fellowship with Him. Oh, what comfort and peace it gives me to receive such assurance from the Father, especially at those times when I am feeling sorry, because I know that I’ve “blown it” again. I believe that’s just His special way of saying, “don’t worry, I’m still here for you”.

From the beginning of creation, it has been God’s desire to have intimate fellowship with man. Even though we are told that He knew us before He formed us in our mothers’ wombs (Jeremiah 1:5), as His disciples, we may not know Him as we ought.

“Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth: but I have called you FRIENDS; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.”
John 15:15



We must first understand that we did not choose God, He chose us. As a matter of fact, Ephesians 1:4-6, clearly states that *we were created for God’s good pleasure and for His glory...* to worship and communion with the Father. God desires to know us through intimate times of fellowship with Him. In John 15:15, Jesus explains how a *servant* does not know what his lord does, but the lord confides in his *friends*. Jesus’ relationship with His twelve chosen disciples exemplifies the Father’s desire for such fellowship with us. He desires that we would no longer just be known as servants, but also *friends*. I often marvel at the thought that such a holy God, the creator of the whole universe, would desire to have a personal relationship with me! As a matter of fact, it was so important to Him, that even after Adam and Eve sinned, breaking their covenant with God (Genesis 3), He still made a way to restore man for continued fellowship.



According to the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, the Greek definition of *communion* means to *fellowship*. The Hebrew word defines it as: *to speak, command, or teach*. There is so much that the Father desires to share with us, but in order to do so, we must make ourselves available and understand how to approach Him, according to His terms.

Of course, there are those who claim to know God, and *assume* that they are known of God. But Jesus tells us in Matthew 28:22, that there are many who will discover that He never knew them; because despite their good works and religious deeds, they never did the will of the Father. We must make time for fellowship with God, if we are to hear His voice and know His will for us. In John 10, through the parable of The Good Shepherd, Jesus provides an illustration of how we are to pursue communion with the Father. He teaches about the sheep that know their shepherd's voice and follow Him. *Do you know the Father's voice? Can you distinguish His voice from that of a devil, or even your own heart's desires?*



In John 4:23-24, we are told: ***“The hour cometh, and now it is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. For God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him IN SPIRIT and IN TRUTH”.***

The first and most important requirement for intimacy with the Father, is that we must be ***born again***, according to truth: John 3:3-8 and Acts 2:1-4, 38-39... born of the blood (repentance), the water (water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ) and born of the spirit (receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost). Those who have been born again can then establish a Spirit to Spirit relationship with a holy God.

“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.” John 3:6-7

