

# Chapter 1

## On God, and the Saving Knowledge of Him

Q. Seeing as most Christians agree that the greatest happiness is found in Eternal Life, what does Christ have to say about this Eternal Life?

A. Eternal Life is given so that we can know God and Christ [John 17:3].<sup>1</sup>

Q. How does God reveal this knowledge?

A. The same God who commanded Light to shine out of darkness has also shined in our hearts, to give us the Light of knowing God's glory through the face of Jesus Christ [2 Cor. 4:6].<sup>2</sup>

Q. How many Gods are there?

A. One God [Eph. 4:6].<sup>3</sup>

We know that idols are powerless and there is no god but the one God, so for us there is only one God.[I Cor. 8:4,6]<sup>4 5</sup>

Q. What is God?

A. God is a spirit [John 4:24].<sup>6</sup>

Q. Of all the good things that can be said about God (as noted in Scripture), which is the most important, because it is the message that the Apostles took special care to record?

A. This the message we heard from him and tell to you: God is Light, and there is no darkness in Him [1 John 1:5].<sup>7</sup>

Q. Who bears witness in heaven?

A. The Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit bear witness in heaven, and these three are one [1 John 5:7].<sup>8</sup>

Q. How does Christ say that we can know God?

A. All things come to me from my Father; and no man knows the Son of God but the Father; and no one knows the Father but the Son and anyone the the Son reveals Him to [Luke 10:22; Matt. 11:27].<sup>9,10</sup>

Jesus says He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and no one goes to the Father but through Him [John 14:6].<sup>11</sup>

Q. How does the Son reveal the knowledge of God?

A. As the Bible states, we can't experience the things God has prepared for those that love him, except through His Spirit. The Spirit understands God. After all, no man can understand another man the way the man's own spirit understands him. Likewise, only God's Spirit can truly understand God. Now, God has given us His Spirit so that we can understand God [1. Cor. 2:9-12].<sup>12</sup>

Christ tells us that the Holy Spirit, who the Father will send in Christ's name, will teach us and remind us of the things of God [John 14:26].<sup>13</sup>

## Notes

<sup>1</sup>And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

<sup>2</sup>For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

<sup>4</sup>As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

<sup>5</sup>But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

<sup>6</sup>God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

<sup>7</sup>This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

<sup>8</sup>For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

<sup>9</sup>All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

<sup>10</sup>All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

<sup>11</sup>Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

<sup>12</sup>But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 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.

<sup>13</sup>But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.