

# “For They Shall All Know Me”

Developing a New Covenant Relationship with God

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## Lesson 10. For They Shall All Know Me

# Do you know what this is?



# God wants a relationship with people

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 **And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me,** from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

# Goals

- Show that God's people are now joined by a common faith not a common ancestry
- Elaborate on what it means to 'know' God
- Come up with a plan to know God better

# No longer shall each one teach his neighbor

Jer. 31:34

*'And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel.'* Judges 2:10

- ▶ The judges generation were still God's chosen people, but they didn't know God.
- ▶ This situation is not possible under the New Covenant
- ▶ You can't join God's people unless you know the gospel.

# Abraham is our father

Rom 4:1-25

- ▶ Abraham was counted righteous before he was circumcised – the sign shared by the Israelites. (v11)
- ▶ His faith was that God would fulfill his promises.
- ▶ Abraham is the father of those who share his faith.

# Faith allows for forgiveness

Rom 4:1-25

- ▶ When we attempt justification by works, then we receive rewards equal to our righteousness. (v.4)
- ▶ That puts us all in a bad place. (v.15)
- ▶ Faith allows God's promises to rest on grace. (v.16)
- ▶ Righteousness is counted to us who believe in God and His resurrection of Jesus. (v.23-25)



# Gaining Christ

Phil. 3:3-10

Paul's goal:

- ▶ Be found *in* Jesus
- ▶ Not having a righteousness of his own
- ▶ Righteousness through faith
- ▶ Righteousness given by God

# Knowing Jesus' power

Phil. 3:3-10

Paul's goal:

- ▶ Know Jesus
- ▶ Know the power of his resurrection
- ▶ Know the fellowship of His sufferings
- ▶ By conforming to his death.

# Strengthened with power

Eph. 3:14-19

- ▶ Knowing Christ requires strength (v.18)
- ▶ This strength comes from the Lord with power (v.16)
- ▶ Christ, his people, and his plan are big (v.18-19)
- ▶ The focal point is love (v.17-19)

# Give up your greatness

Phil. 3:3-10

“I once also had confidence in the flesh. . . , but everything that was gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ”

# Pray and Listen

Matthew 7:7-12

- ▶ Keep asking, and it will be given to you.
- ▶ Keep searching, and you will find.
- ▶ Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you.
- ▶ ...how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

# Give to others as God gives to you

Matthew 7:7-12

The guarantee of God's grace is followed by a command for us to show grace to others.

# For They Shall All Know Me

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- ▶ Israel had generations that 'knew not God'
- ▶ All Christians know God.
- ▶ We share Abraham's faith in God and His promises.

'Knowing' God means. . .

- ▶ Knowing Jesus', His resurrection, and sharing in His sufferings
- ▶ Being *in* Jesus with a righteousness through faith
- ▶ Gaining strength and love to know the bigness of God's plan.

Know God better by. . .

- ▶ Giving up your own greatness
- ▶ Prayer and study (with guaranteed success)
- ▶ Giving to others as God has given to you