

└ Introduction

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1. Those of you – rightly or wrongly – involved in the teaparty or in defending gun rights probably recognize this flag with the star and canon on it and with the motto 'Come and Take It'.
2. This flag has been co-opted by those groups to represent resistance against the over-reach of big government.
3. But, do you 'know' what this flag is and where it comes from
4. This flag, which hangs in the Texas state capitol building, is a replica of the original flag that hung over the town of Gonzales, Texas.
5. It marks the beginning of the Texas revolution against Mexico.
6. The star on this flag is the same star that's present in the Texas flag.
7. There's a difference between knowing and *knowing*

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└ God wants a relationship with people

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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.

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└ Goals

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- 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

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└ Faith not Ancestry

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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.

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1. We had a question about this at the beginning of the class.
2. One could misread Jer. 31:34 to say that everyone is going to get a special revelation that leads them to faith in Jesus Christ.
3. That's not the case.

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└ Faith not Ancestry

└ Abraham is our father

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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.

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└ Faith not Ancestry

└ Faith allows for forgiveness

- 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)

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1. We've already talked about how faith is important

└ What is 'Knowing' God?

└ Gaining Christ

Paul's goal:

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

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1. Knowing Christ is having being given righteousness from God.

└ What is 'Knowing' God?

└ Knowing Jesus' power

Paul's goal:

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

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1. These all sound like pretty negative things
2. What is the power of Jesus' resurrection?
3. What is the fellowship of His suffering?
4. How are we conformed to his death?

└ What is 'Knowing' God?

└ Strengthened with power

- 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)

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1. And he will accomplish this more than we can know v. 20

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└ How to know God better

└ Give up your greatness

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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"

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└ How to know God better

└ Pray and Listen

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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!

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1. Eph 3:20

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└ How to know God better

└ Give to others as God gives to you

Give to others as God gives to you
Matthew 7:3-12

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

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1. Eph. 3:17

└ Review

└ For They Shall All Know Me

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God's people share a common faith not a common ancestry

- 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

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