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PART 3 HOW TO KNOW HIM

HOW TO KNOW HIM???

The big question is: HOW do we come to know Jesus personally?

Well, you can get a thousand times a thousand ways/methods, systems, formulas, and more from men. However, the best way to get to know Jesus is simply to abide in Him, draw near to Him, talk to Him, learn to hear Him reply to you, and have Him teach you.

But, let me save you some time and wrong turns. You can fast every day, pray with utter determination, seek to do as much good as you can—and even so, you will be no closer than you were before you began. Why?

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Knowing Jesus personally has nothing to do with you, how good you are, how perfect you can be, how absolutely Scriptural you can act, etc. etc.—it has to do with Jesus!

A backsliding Christian stuck in the mire and tar of sin, can (in a moment) turn to Jesus in a humbled heart seeking His help, and find themselves surrounded by His Loving embrace and gentle peace. While the most righteous Christian around would have no way of getting as close as that—and by “righteous” I mean man’s view of it.

God sees the heart, men see the exterior.

FORMULA vs. TECHNIQUE

The HOW is not a formula. At best, the HOW is a technique that can be modified by each of you, as you feel it necessary to modify it. The only hard and fast rule is a pretty sweet one: you need have a heart for Jesus, a love for Him, and a desire to draw near Him. Don’t question if your love is real or not, if you know you have it within you, then simply accept it.

Many want a closer relationship with Jesus for all the wrong reasons: they want revelation to make them famous, they seek high truths for self gain, and more. But, fundamentally these seek Jesus for something other than Him

Jesus is a means to their end—He is not their “End.”

THE DISCIPLINE OF PRAYER

The discipline of prayer, in the N.O.P [Net of Prayer], prepares you for this step towards knowing Jesus personally. All the prayers are soundly Scriptural and designed to also help each of you get His Word into your spirit. Also, in obedience, you can learn to be yielded to the Holy Spirit.

It is the undisciplined, unyielded, disobedient Christian that is blocked from a relationship with Jesus . Sadly, the church system of man in no wise prepares God’s people to come to know Him.

STILL MORE TO COME

But, we have only begun to scratch the surface of all this. In the next report, I will continue to discuss THE HOW.

God Bless,

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