

Putting Things In Perspective

Knowledge

2 Peter 1:1 Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you **in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord**. 3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and Godliness, **through the knowledge of him** who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with **knowledge**, 6 and **knowledge** with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with Godliness, 7 and Godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful **in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

“Knowledge” is used throughout this passage of scripture.

- ❖ “in the _____ of God and Jesus”
- ❖ “Through the _____ of Him”
- ❖ Adding “_____”
- ❖ “In the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ”

God wants us to know Him.

We must know Him so that we will be _____.

Matthew 24: 22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. 23 Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. 24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Those who would want to _____ us will usually attack in the area of “our knowledge of God.”

Satan’s first _____ of man was in the area of the “knowledge of God.”

Genesis 3: 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Was God _____ that man may become like Him?

Was He _____ that man would be co-equal with Him?

Satan was _____ to her, and his attack was directly at what she _____ about God and His character.

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How will you _____ if someone is from God or not?

How will you _____ if their doctrine is sound?

How will you _____ if the signs and wonders they are doing are by the Spirit of God?

Romans 16: 17 I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. 18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

Ephesians 4: 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

1 Timothy 6: 3 If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, 4 he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, 5 and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain,

How do we know what is “ _____ ”?

Is it just because someone _____ said it?

It must line up with the _____ of who God (Christ) is.

It must line up with His _____.

Luke 9: 51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. 53 But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” 55 But he turned and rebuked them. And he said, “You do not know what manner of spirit you are of; 56 for the Son of Man came not to destroy people’s lives but to save them” And they went on to another village.

The disciples wanted to call down _____ on the Samaritans.

Jesus said, “You do not know what manner of spirit you are of”

Peter cut off the _____, Jesus put it back on.

Pharisees tell Jesus to stop _____ people ...

Sanhedrin told the disciples to stop _____ in Jesus name ...

Philippians 3: 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead

How much _____ did it take to raise Jesus from the grave?

What is that power good for _____?

Does God want you to be healed _____? Does God want you to be prosperous _____?

Doesn't verse 10 say that Paul wants to _____? What are the _____ we should participate in?

Luke 17:25 "But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation."

Luke 22:15 And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

Luke 24:26 "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

Luke 24:46 "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,"

Acts 3:18 "But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer..."

Romans 5:3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

Romans 8:17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

We do not suffer because of our _____ ... Jesus did that.

We do not suffer through _____ ... Jesus took our sickness on Himself forever.

We do not suffer through _____ ... He paid for it at the cross.

Hebrews 10: 9 then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. 10 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, 16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," 17 then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." 18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

The suffering we will experience and should persevere through is _____.

- ❖ Persecution by the _____.
- ❖ Persecution by the _____.
- ❖ Persecution by other " _____".

Hebrews 8: 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 11 And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.