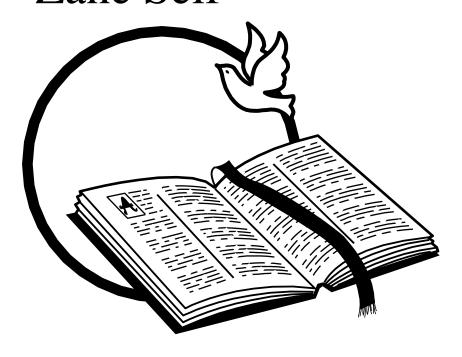
# YOU CANKNOW GOD

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# To my Family and Friends

You can know God, our Heavenly Father, through his Son, Jesus Christ and through the working of the Holy Spirit of God by carefully studying the written Word of God. Jesus knew the rewards of righteousness and came to share them with all of mankind. What do you think Jesus would have us do today to gain those heavenly rewards? Jesus wants us to always do what is right according to God's teaching. To gain the rewards and promises of heaven we must be just like Christ by sharing love, trusting and obeying our Heavenly Father's will and by having a never-ending faith in Jesus Christ, as our Lord and Savior. God's Blessings surround us each and every moment of the day. A true believer in God lives in the reality of living their faith by constantly reaching for reconciliation with God by following His written Word.

#### **Hebrews 4:12-13**

12 For the word of God is Living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edge sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

#### **Romans 10:17**

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

# **DEDICATION**

I dedicate this book to my family, neighbors and people who need to know God - and people do need to know God. Whatever is written in this Book is meant to have the same teaching that is written in The Holy Word of God.

The Holy Scriptures are a collection of Holy Books Written by Holy Men, Inspired by Our Holy God. The Holy Bible is the Greatest Book ever written, for it is The Eternal Truth as God Spoke it to Man. Read The KJV, NKJV. Read John 3:16-21.

Read 1st Timothy 3:16, Acts 4:12, John 14: 6, Romans 1:16-17, 2nd Timothy 2:15, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2nd Timothy 3:16, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:1-7, Acts 2:38.

**READ** The Truth and ACCEPT the Truth and YOU CAN KNOW GOD.

#### John 17:1-8

- 1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may Glorify You,
- 2 "as You have given Him authority over flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as you have give him.
- And this is eternal life that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
- 4 I have glorified you on the earth. I have finished the work which you have given me to do.
- 5 And now, O Father, glorify me together with yourself, with the glory which I had with you before the world was.

- 6 I have manifested Your name to the men whom you have given me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to me, and they have kept Your word.
- 7 Now they have known that all things which you have given me are from You.
- 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

#### John 17:17

17 "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

#### John 1: 17

17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

#### Matthew 11: 28-30

- 28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Jesus Christ is your Savior, The Son of God. Read and have Faith in John 3:16.

Faith is living like you believe it - Love, Hope, Trust, and Obey.

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# INTRODUCTION EVERYONE NEEDS GOD

If there is one thing the whole world needs desperately, it is to know the truth of GOD. Today, right now, people need to know GOD, His teachings and His saving grace through JESUS CHRIST. You can know GOD, and GOD wants you to know Him, He wants you to know what He is all about.

He has revealed Himself in the written HOLY WORD OF GOD; we call it THE HOLY BIBLE. The message is clear and simple: GOD sent His SON from heaven to save us - to save YOU. His SON sent THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD to be our personal helper, to teach us to live Holy, as it is written in the HOLY WORD.

GOD blesses us every day in millions of ways. He provides for His children's daily needs and protection. Without GOD in our lives we are nothing and we are accomplishing nothing of real lasting value. But you can know GOD and make your life now and forever worthwhile.

JESUS CHRIST is everything in our salvation as our personal Lord and Savior, the first reason and the last reason in our being saved. I appeal to you to get on fire in your love for GOD. You can know and love GOD personally. You can grow into a real strong Christian with a real faith relationship with GOD as your Heavenly Father in your prayer life, Pray three times a day or all day long. Praise, Glorify and Thank GOD for everything he has done for you in sending his SON,

THE HOLY SPIRIT and the Eternal Truth is written in THE HOLY WORD OF GOD. The WORD is written to save you, and it is all about JESUS CHRIST.

Be a strong faithful humble child of GOD, always loving GOD'S will to be done, Love GOD for Whom and What He is - a Wonderful Good GOD. Let the HOLY SCRIPTURES speak to your heart and mind, as they are written in THE HOLY WORD OF GOD through the Power of THE HOLY SPIRIT and then you can know GOD through JESUS CHRIST.

## **2ND PETER 3:18**

'but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

# **CHAPTER ONE**

## What is Truth?

Ephesians 1: 9-14 Ephesians 3:9-21

1st Corinthians 15: 1-4

John 3:16 John 1:1-4

Colossians 1:10-28 Colossians 3:1-4

The mystery of God has been hidden from man, but now is revealed to us through Jesus Christ, The Messiah Jesus is revealed as God's only begotten Son, as being the Creator of Creation, as our resurrected Lord and Savior. There is One God, and One Mediator, 1st Timothy 2:5 -7; Isaiah 44:6-8; Isaiah 45:5-8; 21-22 Christ is God as the Son of GOD. 1st Timothy 3:16

Now it has been revealed who the One God is in the New Testament, The Father God, The Son of God, The Holy Spirit of God. God wants you to know the Truth that He is the only God, our God is all powerful there is none like him, God deserves our praise to be glorified for He is Eternally good and great, The most wonderful God - the only one God like Himself in existence.

John 16:7-16 You shall know the truth of God.

John 8:31-32 John 14:15 -17 John 15:26 What is Truth? It is the opposite of a lie. John 17:17 Acts 17:11 False teachers have one thing they all do - they add their teachings to the Word of God. So the key thing for us to do is to read and study the Word of God for ourselves to see if the teacher's teaching is written in the Word of God, in order to make sure it is not a false teaching. God's Truth involves Eternal facts, which God has set in order Himself.

Trusting God's Wisdom strengthens your Faith in God. Do accept the Word of God as Eternal Truth. God's Truth will be forever, a lie will not last long, and a lie will be destroyed by the Truth. The Truth can be understood in the values of black and white. There is no gray area in Truth, Holiness is pure perfection in the Eternal Truth of God, Evil is against God's Truth, and is filthy contaminated in the lies of falsehood of Satan, Satan's destruction will be Eternal.

There is no gray area in God's Truth. What is the so called gray area of men? Here is the answer, gray is white mixed with black, or Truth mixed with falsehood. In the reality of the Truth of God there will be no falsehood which will endure forever. The Holiness of God will stand forever; Evil will not stand against God very long.

Understand God and His Word are the absolute Eternal Truth and will stand forever for they are Pure, Holy, Righteous, and are written and revealed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, by The Holy Spirit, in the Holy Word of God.

### **True Wisdom From Above**

The Wisdom from above is given by God. James 1:5-7; James 3:17-18; 2nd Timothy 2:15; 2nd Timothy 3:16-17; 2nd Timothy 4:1-5. Wisdom is written in the Word of God, The Wisdom of God will guide you into the paths of righteousness, the Wisdom of Truth that is Eternal teaches us of Eternal Life through the Gift of Grace through Jesus Christ. This Eternal Wisdom of Truth begins with God - God is Life - the giver of Life. All Wisdom of Truth comes from God.

The wise person trusts in God, he will desire to be wise seeking God's council, the fear and love for God is the beginning of his knowledge and understanding the Truth. Proverbs 1:5-7; Proverbs 3:1-3; Proverbs 9:9-10.

A person of Wisdom is peaceful and humble. Proverbs 11:2, 12.

A wise person is instructed to fear God. Proverbs 15:33 A Preacher of God is wise. Ecclesiastes 12: 9-14

The Wisdom of God and his Truth comes to us through the written Word of God. The Wisdom of God is righteous living like Christ. We know the wise men sought Jesus, wise men today seek Jesus, after they have found him they are even wiser, for they know and understand the Scriptures. Romans 10:17

We are not perfectly wise, but striving to understand, and to be like God, and do God's will, as you grow in Wisdom and Truth you will understand Christ in a greater way. Matthew 6:33; Eph 1:17-23

Christ and the Apostles worked at establishing the Church that is Spiritually the Kingdom of God in you, The Church is the body of Christ. Worship God, and have fellowship together. Acts 2:42; Acts 20:7; 1st Corinthians 16:2

Do not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. Hebrews 10:25-26

# **God's Purpose in Truth**

God's Eternal purpose, read Romans 8:28. It is God's plan to save mankind through Jesus Christ his son, Christ said on the cross it is finished, Jesus atonement part was/is done. Our hope was/is made sure by Christ's Resurrection; The Resurrection of Christ was an easy thing for our God to accomplish. Our Eternal lives are in His hands, our destiny is in His hands, gladly OBEY God for He will provide all your Eternal needs for our God is awesome in power and a loving good God. We know Christ's crucifixion on the cross was for our sins, and made us free of our sin debt. We are free of evil, the Devil, and the second death in Eternal Hell, having received the Gift of Grace

from God through Jesus Christ, because of His Son's sacrifice of death on the cross, we now receive Eternal life with God in heaven.

God loves us, and Christ paid the price for sin against our Holy perfect God, and this we know according to the scriptures. Ephesians 2:4-8 The Holy Spirit is our personal helper in Christian living. God wants us to worship him in Spirit and Truth. John 4:23-24

### We Have God's Word in Truth

We know we have the Word of God written as God breathed it. It is given to instruct us in Holiness and Righteousness and how to live obeying God's Will, We are to constantly be trusting and having Hope in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. THE PROMISED REWARD IS JOHN 3:16.

The Father God promises us Eternal Life through Christ, resulting in our living Godly, Holy, and Righteously - like God. In God's family, God will provide blessings of good gifts forever. Our God is an awesome, loving, good God forever.

#### **Our Faith in Truth**

Our Faith in CHRIST is our FAITH in TRUTH. Hebrews 11:6 You might believe Confidence is one of the most important key values in life, but Confidence and Truth are two different things, you can have Confidence and Faith in the wrong things, and plenty of people do. A Christian having Faith in Christ is Confident in the Absolute Truth. Our answered prayers are our evidence of our Faith in God and then you know you are dealing with Truth in God. Confidence in Christ is our showing our Faith in Christ.

# **Always Glorify God**

**Ephesians 3:13-17** 

Matthew 5:16

James 1:2-4, 12 1st Thessalonians 3: 3-15 1st Peter 4:11 1st Peter 5:6-11

Paul said his trials in his work in teaching the Gospel of Christ to the world was for the glory of the people receiving the Salvation message through Christ. Our trials also glorify God if we keep the Faith and Trust in Obedience - loving God for what He does for us daily.

The very most important first Truth is that all the Praise and Glory belongs to God, of course we are glorified by our knowing God and He knowing us, for all His kingdom will Glorify God forever, for our God is a Glorious God. Bow in love ,reverence, and in humility to God. James 4:3-10; Mathew 7:21 Every knee shall bow to God, bow now or bow later, Christians bow now for they love God.

Your strength and ability to accomplish what you think you ought to is probably not very strong. God will gladly provide you with the ability to accomplish what He wants you to do in accordance to his will. He wants you to have a humble servant's heart, as a child approaches a Father. With Father God everything is in His Power, and under His authority. Trust and wait on God, God plans the plan and accomplishes the plan according to His time and will. God always does what is best for those who trust Him. Remember this: Life is all about God and then us. Ephesians 1:3-7; Ephesians 3:14-15; John 1:10-14; Galatians 3:24-29; Romans 8:14-19

God's eternity and man's beginning is in Genesis chapter 1 and 2 We have been on earth about 6,000 years, some of us about 70 years more or less. God has been forever! God has a family and a kingdom, It carries His name, the children of God, and they belong to him, adopted or otherwise. God our King is rich, God will provide and share his riches with His kingdom forever, Christians need Spiritual blessings that God does provide, God's spiritual blessings affects our physical needs. Our God is wonderfully good. He provides blessings to His children every second of every day. God is God and God is rich, ask and expect a blessing all according to His will.

Let the truth be known and understood, If you love God, and you are a Christian, and you are not a millionaire, it is very possible it is not God's will, and possible you do not need to be a millionaire. Trust God's will, His faithful children do. Keep your hope alive in trusting God's Wisdom. John 3: 16-21

We need God to bless our Spiritual minds, and God does this in several ways: Through your Faith, actions, prayers, and Bible study. Remember this, the Word of God has already been revealed as it is written, the Holy Spirit does gives us insights, as we strive to understand God's Word.

Love involves obedience to God.
Faith involves trust in God.
Hope involves prayer to God.
Service involves work in God's work.
Worship involves the Spirit of God.
Salvation involves the SON of GOD.
Truth involves the Word of God.

When God blesses you, you are guided to be like Christ in your heart and mind. The victory of life is in Christ. Being like Christ you will have God's Purpose in your heart to save others for God, your motives will be like the motives of Christ, The Father, The Son, The Holy Spirit will be dwelling in your heart and mind. John 14:23; Acts 2:38. Christians belong to God, they are His possessions, Christians should Praise and Thank God for His provisions in love.

How big is God? How great is God's love? God's love is greater than the Universe He created. Psalm 103:10-22; Revelation 20:10-15. Mankind needs to awake, and glorify God for He is more awesome than man's mind can comprehend. The width of God's love and forgiveness reaches as far as the East is from the West, the length of God's love and redemption goes on into Eternity forever, the depth of God's love can keep one out of Hell's fire.

If one rejects Christ, His forgiveness of sins, the Redemption through the Grace of Christ by rebelling against God, His Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. The Judgment and Justice of God shall prevail. Payment for sin and punishment for that sin reaches into Hell's fire and is for all Eternity. The height of God's love is through Jesus Christ to God's Throne in Heaven and gives us the Gift of Grace along with the Gift of life throughout all Eternity.

The Spirit of God will lift you up Spiritually, God will open up your understanding of Him. You can know God. When God frees you from sin you are free indeed, the sins never to be remembered again, even though you have sinned against God. He understands your predicament and imperfections, He understands your lack of understanding, and that you may stumble. Do not quit God, stay the course.

God will not accept your rebellion of Him and His truth. He gives you a way of escape from His wrath toward sin and evil, God wants you to succeed. God has a perfect Salvation Plan through the Grace of His Son Jesus Christ's sacrifice. It is God's gift of love, this Salvation Plan involves your humility and actions of faithful obedience to Jesus Christ's Commandments written in the New Testament, with repentance of sins, confession of Christ, and being baptized into Christ, your love and trust in God will let God accept your Faith.

We need to understand God's love, and his Plan of Salvation through Christ for us. God's Truth and Love is revealed through CHRIST. Matthew 28:18-20. As your faith grows in Christ, so grows your knowledge of God's Truth in Christ. God wants you to have knowledge, there is a simple truth to gaining the knowledge of God, and God has revealed the Truth of Himself and the Godhead. Colossians 2:9 The Godhead is The Father God, the Son of God Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit of God, These three are ONE GOD. Understand it. It is written in the Word of GOD – Study! Study!

God has revealed the Truth through his Word study it to know the Truth. Your Faith has to accept the Word as God's Truth as God's authority to guide and bless man to know Man's Eternal Salvation is through Christ. The Holy Spirit will teach the Truth through the Word of God. It is an easy thing for God to bless His obedient Children,

God even showers his blessing on the Just and the unjust according to His will.

Pray and ask for Spiritual blessings, remember it is all up to God to bless you as He wills. Much is accomplished through Faith, God does provide for your earthly needs in this life, but greater than this is God preparing you for the Eternal life with Him.

#### Walk with God in Truth

When you became a Christian you began your walk with God. Please do not fall from Grace, but keep on keeping on. Read Hebrews 6:4-6 Ask God to strengthen you daily in your walk with Him, being led by his Spirit and His Power, and He will do it. As a Christian of real Faith in God, The Holy Spirit seals you until the day of redemption, Do not quit. The strong in Faith continue to stand for Christ, and will stay the course. God knows His own and His own know him. John 10:27-30 John 14:7-10.

# **God Provides Ephesians 3:20-21**

God provides our Spiritual needs, Praise God for his provisions, He provides in guidance what would make us to be like Christ our Lord and Savior. Our Heavenly Father provides for physical needs, our everyday health, enough food, enough clothing, enough money, enough shelter, more than enough. He provides abundantly - Spiritually and physically. He provides abundantly more than we need. Anyone who is not blessed abundantly is not putting their hope and trust in God's riches. God loves to provide for his own, just what they need. This is why you need God in your life now and forever - you need to know the Truth to receive God's blessings and you have to know God. The Truth is written and given by God for all to be able to understand. You can know God.

## How to Apply the Truth of God to Your Life

John 8: 31-32

John 17:17

Matthew 11: 28-30

John 14:6

John 3:16

**Acts 2:38** 

John 3:3-5

**Romans 6:3-5** 

John 6:37

**Romans 6:23** 

2nd Peter 3:9

Have Faith in God, I believe California is on the West Coast of the United States of America, I have never been to California, I do know where it is at on a map. I have Faith that it is a real place, because I have a map, and I can follow a plan and understand how to get there, I have Faith I know the truth and could live in California if I wanted too.

Apply your Faith in God's truth to get where you need to be with God Spiritually. You can follow God's plan in God's Word, but you have to have a desire to be a Christian. God is pure in Holiness, pure in Righteousness, pure in perfection; and we have a choice to make in our striving to be like God. In reality, you cannot do it by yourself. It is impossible - you need God's Power and His plan, His Love, His Spirit and the Blood of Jesus Christ's forgiving Grace applied to your Spiritual heart and soul. The Truth is you can know God if you want to. Having Truth in your Faith, is loving, trusting, and having your Eternal hope in God. Obeying God to the best of your ability and showing God daily through your actions of Faith. You must love

who and what God is: Holy, Righteous and Good, and He is Pure Truth.

God does not cast anyone away that comes to Him. He wants to save you and He will start where you are at and then build on your character, If you will come and turn your life over to Him.

Obey Christ now.

You can know the Truth of God, but you will not change the truth, nothing will change the Truth, the Truth of God will never change. But it will change you. It will set you free from the bondage of sin through Jesus Christ and His Word.

# Jesus is a Great Witness for God John 1:1-4, 14, 17

Jesus Christ as God's Son came from Heaven to save men, He is our Lord and Savior. None other has been like Jesus and arose from the dead like Jesus did to never die again. Of course Christians will someday soon arise from the dead by the Power of God into Everlasting Life when Jesus comes again to get His Church. Jesus Christ has opened our Spiritual eyes to see God in Truth. We love God because he first loved us. We are under God's authority - whatever we may think. He can save or destroy us all according to His Will, and all according to the Word of God. Wake up people and know God. His Eternal Truth about Christ and our Salvation is written in His Word.

Paul saw the light and is a great witness for Christ. He was told the Truth by Jesus Christ Himself from heaven. Paul was a devout Jew a Pharisee of the highest order - he fought the Christians, because he thought they were following a false belief about God. The Truth was revealed to him by Christ. Paul became a great preacher of the Truth of The Gospel of Christ; the Historians and Investigators have proved all the history of the New Testament and of Christ to be true. Read **Acts 9:1-20** 

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