

# Knowing Jesus – Philippians 3:10

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death

**Last week:** John 14:5-31 The Identity and Revelation of Jesus

## INTRODUCTION: “COMFORT FOR TROUBLED HEARTS”

- 1. JESUS KNEW THEIR HEARTS WERE TROUBLED.
- 2. JESUS WAS ABOUT TO SECURE THEIR ETERNAL FUTURE.
- 3. JESUS WANTS THEIR FAITH TO SHIFT FROM SIGHT TO TRUST.
- 4. JESUS' PRESENCE CONTINUE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- 5. JESUS WANTED THEM TO ANCHOR THEIR PEACE IN HIM NOT IN THE WORLD.

## CONCLUSION:

- I. JESUS INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND THE FATHER. (14:9-11).
- II. JESUS, THE GREATER PERSON, GIVES A GREATER PROMISE. 1(4:12-14)
- III. THE PROMISE OF JESUS' ONGOING PRESENCE. (V.14:18-21)
- IV. THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER SON INDWELLING. (V14:22-24)
- V. THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. (V. 14:25-27)
- VI. JESUS DID EXACTLY WHAT THE FATHER HAS COMANDED.(14:28-31)

**Intro:** 1 John is a book About Life: A life of assurance, a life of confidence

- About Light: light in the midst of darkness...
- About Truth: Truth in the midst of error...
- About Love: Love in the midst of a loveless society.

## **1 John Ch 2:1-11**

**My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.**

**<sup>3</sup> We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup> Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.**

**<sup>5</sup> But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him:**

**<sup>6</sup> Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.**

**<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. <sup>8</sup> Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.**

**<sup>9</sup> Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. <sup>10</sup> Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. <sup>11</sup> But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.**

# The Mark of a True Disciple

## Johns' paternal introduction

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**My dear children**

**But if anybody does sin**

**We have an Advocate**

**He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins**

**... but also for the whole world**

## The fruit of fellowship – Our relationship with God

**V3-6 We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.**

**We know that we have come to know him**

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## **The fruit of fellowship – Our relationship with God**

- **A Christian no longer loves sin as he once did.**
- **A Christian no longer brags about his sin as he once did.**
- **A Christian no longer plans to sin as he once did.**
- **A Christian no longer fondly remembers his sin as he once did.**
- **A Christian no longer is comfortable in habitual sin as he once was.**



## The fruit of fellowship – Our relationship with God

**Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.**

**James Montgomery Boice** American theologian (1938-2000) “The point here is that the one who knows God will increasingly lead a righteous life, for God is righteous. It does not mean that we will be sinless; John has already shown that anyone who claims to be sinless is **lying**.”

It simply means that we will be moving in a direction marked out by the righteousness of God. If we do not do this, if we are not increasingly dissatisfied with and distressed by sin, we are not God’s child.”

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**Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one.**

**John 13:34-35: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”**

The cross points in four directions to show that the love of Jesus is:

- *Wide* enough to include every human being.
- *Long* enough to last through all eternity.
- *Deep* enough to reach the guiltiest sinner.
- *High* enough to take us to heaven.

**Because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining**

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**Luke 9:51-54: As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them”**

# Conclusion

**Matthew 22:36-40: “Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”**

**Matthew 28:18-19: Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”**

# Conclusion

**We cannot make more disciples, if we are not effective disciples ourselves.**

Still confused as to what a disciple is? It's this simple. A disciple of Christ is one who

- (1) believes his doctrine,
- (2) rests on his sacrifice,
- (3) absorbs his spirit, and
- (4) imitates his example

**We are all called to be disciples.** There are no ifs buts or maybes. While we may have different gifts through our faith - **ALL** Christians are called to be a **disciple** of Jesus Christ. Amen!