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Part 4

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1 John 2:12-14, ¹²“I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. ¹³I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. ¹⁴I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.” May the Lord add His Blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of His Word today, in Jesus Name! Amen!

1. If we are to grow into the fullness of our faith, we must not settle on one definition or attribute of God!

a. For example, God is love. And there are those who do not know the scripture that only rely on that one attribute; but there is far more to him than that. For example:

b. Jehovah - Rapha - The LORD who heals

i. The Book of Exodus 15:26, ^{“26} saying, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer.”

c. Jehovah - Shalom - The LORD our Peace

i. The Book of Judges 6:24, ^{“24} Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and called it, The Lord Is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.”

d. Jehovah - Roi - The LORD my shepherd

i. The Book of Psalms 23:1, [“]The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

e. Jehovah - Shammah - The LORD is present

i. The Book of Ezekiel 48:35, ^{“35} The circumference of the city shall be 18,000 cubits. And the name of the city from that time on shall be, The Lord Is There.”

2. If we are to grow into the fullness of our faith, we must not settle for where we are!

a. The Book of Philippians 3:7-11, “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.”

b. Notice verse 10 with me...

c. But shouldn't you “know Him” by now, Paul? This seems to call Paul's testimony of Christ into question or does it unveil more than what we know? Perhaps, like Moses, Paul saw more to Him!

d. Or could it be that Paul is catching a glimpse that there is more to this eternal being than what he has come to know here to fore.

e. There is More!!! And to fully know Him, we must desire the power of His resurrection equivalent with sharing in His Sufferings!

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Children!

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b. Note the Progression in this passage of text penned by John the Revelator!

i. Children

ii. Young Men

iii. Fathers

c. Could this tie into the thought process of Paul in Philippians 3? I want to know him - Fathers strive to know him

d. It is time to progress forward in Knowing Him and not remaining as Children!