

Can We Know God? (Pt 2 God is Light)

“We are eyewitnesses” - and tho’ we don’t experience him in the same way, we have fellowship

- 1Jn 1:1-2 ESV That which was from the **beginning**, which we have **heard**, which we have **seen with our eyes**, which we **looked upon** and have **touched with our hands**, concerning the word of life-- 2 **the life was made manifest**, and we have **seen** it, and **testify** to it and **proclaim** to you the **eternal life**, which was **with the Father** and was made **manifest to us**--

Relationship now is “fellowship” - invited into fellowship with US, FATHER & JESUS CHRIST

- 1Jn 1:3-4 that which we have **seen** and **heard** we proclaim also to you, **so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.** 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Proclaiming the way into this fellowship → message WE HEARD FROM HIM - God is Light

- 1Jn 1:5-10 This is the message we have **heard from him** and proclaim to you, that **God is light**, and in him is **no darkness at all**.

Fellowship with God does not demand perfection, it calls us to PRACTICE THE TRUTH

- 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we **walk in darkness**, **we lie** and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we **walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have **fellowship** with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son **cleanses us from all sin**.

Walking in the light is about THE TRUTH LIVING IN US → exposing sin to be repented of

- 8 If we say we have no sin, **we deceive ourselves**, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is **faithful** and **just** to **forgive** us our sins and to **cleanse** us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, **we make him a liar**, and his word is not in us.

Knowing Him is a by-product of keeping his commandments

- 1Jn 2:3-6 ESV And **by this we know that we have come to know him**, if we keep his **commandments**. 4 Whoever says **"I know him"** but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and **the truth is not in him**, 5 but whoever **keeps his word**, in him **truly the love of God is perfected**. **By this we may know that we are in him**: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Walking in the Light is really about Practicing truth and letting the Truth live IN us, Word IN us

- Joh 8:31-33 & 37 ESV So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?".....I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet **you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you**.

His word is Light and leads us to Light

- Psa 119:105 ESV Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- Psa 119:130 ESV The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
- Pro 6:23 ESV For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life.

