

# KNOWING GOD

*A Study of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*

## Lesson Eight

Memory Verse: *Hebrews 10:25*

Lesson Verse: *1Peter 1:8*

***"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." 1Peter 1:8***

### I. Introduction

- A. THEOLOGY! What an awesome subject: *the study of God!* Theology has long been called the queen of the sciences because it is the very foundation of what mankind can know, and it is the limit of what mankind can experience. All other sciences are somewhere in between, and are all relative to how man views and understands God.
- B. This lesson will present a *brief* study of the one true God in heaven, in order for the new believer to personally know Who it is who created them, Who hears and answers their prayers, and Who it is that will be the final Judge in the future.

### II. How Can We Know God?

- A. The Bible says in *John 1:18*, "*No man hath **seen** \_\_\_\_\_ at any time...*" Yet, the same Bible says, God has revealed Himself to mankind in the following **three ways**: In His Creation, in His Word (the Bible), and by His Son, Jesus Christ.



- B. We Find that God Has revealed Himself first **In His Creation**.

1. *Psalms 19:1-3*, tells us that God's creation is constantly teaching and instructing every person on this planet that there is a Creator, and that HE is worthy of worship.
2. According to *Romans 1:18-20*, "*That which may be \_\_\_\_\_ of God **is** manifest*" - it is not hidden. We don't know *everything* about God, but what can be known is revealed because, God has made sure that it is shown "clearly" to all people by His "*\_\_\_\_\_ of the world*".
3. You find proof for the existence of a Creator in:
  - a. DNA – biology – the fact that DNA has design and order and information;
  - b. All the laws of the universe – physics – they are amazingly balanced;
  - c. There needs to be an ultimate Creator for everything to come into existence – nothing "just happens" without something starting it or creating it.
  - d. If you found a watch on a beach, you would easily know that someone MADE it and that it did not just appear out of random chances coming together. The same is true with all of life and the universe itself – someone had to make it!
4. None of the above proofs for a Creator are enough for anyone to know WHO the Creator is, but just enough to know that He does exist. *Romans 1:20* concludes that people know enough about God and are "*without \_\_\_\_\_*" because if they don't believe, they are simply rejecting the information God gave them to begin with, and will always come up with their own gods to worship in the place of the Creator!
5. The fact that the whole world attempts to worship a Creator, proves they know there is something bigger than the world that deserves worship. They just don't know who He is or how to find Him. But that is why God reveals Himself in more ways.

- C. Secondly, God has revealed Himself **In His Words**.

1. Everything we can for sure know about God is written in the Bible.

2. We will never know everything there is to know about God, but what we can know, we will find in the Bible (**Deuteronomy 29:29**).
3. The purpose of the Bible is to enable seekers to know God, love God, and enjoy God forever! Without the Bible, it is a blind exercise!
4. The gospel, the life and preaching of Jesus Christ, and the revelation of the mysteries of God are made understood by the “\_\_\_\_\_ of the prophets” (**Rom 16:25,26**), which have been “*made known to \_\_\_\_\_ nations!*”
5. If you want to know God, you will find Him in the pages of the Bible! Not in universities, laboratories, or test tubes.

D. Thirdly, God Revealed Himself **In His Son** (**Heb 1:1-2; John 14:7-9; Matt 11:27**)

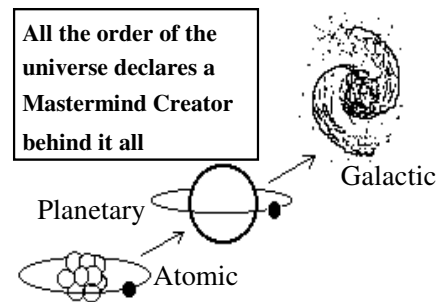
1. The greatest revelation about God was found in Jesus Christ. A person can study science all their life and never know who created everything. A person can know all about the Bible, and yet never know its Author. So, God had revealed Himself best when He came into this world and spoke for Himself (**1Tim 3:16**).
2. Jesus came not only to pay for our sin-debt on the cross, but to reveal the **Person** of the God who made each of us. Jesus told Philip in **John 14:9** that “*he that hath seen me hath seen the \_\_\_\_\_.*”
3. If God had not revealed Himself, man would not be able to ever know Him at all. But God *has* demonstrated that He is very interested in man knowing Him *intimately*! In **John 17:3**, Jesus says, “*and this is life eternal, that they might know \_\_\_\_\_ (YOU) the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*”

E. Do you WANT to know Him? The God who created you, and made everything there is, made it possible for you to know Him (**Jer 9:23,24**) if you really want to (**Jer 29:13**)!

### III. What Can Be Known About God?

#### A. We Can Know for sure that God Exists

1. **Psalm 19:1-3** tells us that all of creation declares that an intelligent Being created everything that there is. There has to have been a Mastermind behind all of this universe!
  - a. A book requires an author to have written it.
  - b. A program requires a programmer
  - c. A poem requires a poet
  - d. A design requires a designer
  - e. An invention requires an \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. When we see a painting, do we believe that the artwork created itself, or, is it self-evident that an ARTIST created it?
  - g. So, All of Creation requires a Creator!
  - h. Any other belief is Insanity. It is *insane* to believe that everything came about by mere *chance* out of nothing!
2. Only a \_\_\_\_\_ believes that there is *no God* (**Ps 14:1**).



#### B. We Know that God has a Personality and Emotions

1. God *grieves* at things (feels remorse, **Gen 6:5,6**) – especially at our sin.
2. God gets \_\_\_\_\_ (**1Kings 11:9**), and yet loves (**John 3:16**). These are two great contrasting emotions - and God possesses them to the fullest!
3. God can \_\_\_\_\_ (**Prov 1:26**), and even \_\_\_\_\_ (**Zephaniah 3:17; Isa 62:5**). There are some things that really excite God!

4. Our God is a \_\_\_\_\_ God (Deut 6:14,15). Look at the context - it is dealing with idolatry, and how that He is very jealous of His creation turning a blind eye to His love and work in their lives, and wasting their worship on idols, which really are satanic demons!
  5. Therefore, all the emotions that a person experiences, God experiences - only in their purest form, because He is \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 99:9; 1Peter 1:15,16).
- C. We Know that **God is perfect, and cannot sin, or fail, or stop being good!** (Mt 5:48)  
That is what makes Him God.
- D. **We Know that God Created Everything**
1. **Genesis 1:1** describes God creating...
    - a. Time (“in the beginning”)
    - b. Space (“heaven”)
    - c. Matter (“earth”)
  2. He created everything visible (all matter) AND \_\_\_\_\_ (everything spiritual; Col 1:16).
  3. The ONLY thing that has always existed, and always will exist, is God (Ps 90:2).
- E. **We Know God is Greater than all His Creation**
1. He is *Creator* and *Sustainer* of everything. Without Him we can't exist.
    - a. **Gen 1:1** says, "*In the beginning God \_\_\_\_\_ the heaven and earth.*"
    - b. **John 1:3** says, "*All things were \_\_\_\_\_ by him and without him was not anything made that was made.*"
    - c. **Ephesians 3:9** declares that, "*God ... created all things by \_\_\_\_\_.*" Not by evolution, or a “big-bang”!
    - d. **Colossians 1:17** "*And he is before all things, and by him all things \_\_\_\_\_*" (are held together)! Jesus is even the *glue* of the universe.
  2. God is *Eternal*, "*from everlasting*," and "*to everlasting*" (Ps 90:2)
  3. He is three things all at the same time:
    - a. All powerful (*omnipotent*, Matt 28:18)
    - b. All knowing (*omniscient*, Mt 9:3,4)
    - c. All present (*omnipresent*, Ps 139:7-10)
  4. He exists OUTSIDE of all that He has created – that means He is bigger and greater than everything He has made! So, the next time you look out at a starry sky, knowing how big our universe is, know that the God we worship is bigger still!
- F. **We Know God loves His creation - He is the *Author* of Love (1 John 4:7-8)**
1. Everything that God created, was \_\_\_\_\_ in His sight (Gen 1:4,10,12,18,21,25,31).
  2. God is not willing that any of His creation \_\_\_\_\_ (2Pet 3:9) – to be lost forever in hell.
  3. God showed His love toward us by giving His only \_\_\_\_\_, (John 3:16) who Himself took our place so that we could go free to heaven by faith in Him! Now, **that** is real love (1 John 4:10).
- G. We know **there is only one God** (1Kings 8:60; Isaiah 45:6)
1. Many religions believe there are different *gods* that control various aspects of life, like a sun-god, a god of death, a god of lightning and thunder, and a god of harvest.

2. Each god has to be appeased and made deals with in order for things to go well.
3. But the truth is, there is only one, almighty, all wise God, that has already done everything so that anyone can be forgiven and made right in His eyes (2Cor 5:21).

#### H. God is a *Three Part Being* - Three Persons, Yet One God; not three different gods!

1. This is the concept of the God-head (Tri-unity, or Trinity).
  - a. Notice how God said in **Genesis 1:26**, "Let \_\_\_\_\_ make man in \_\_\_\_\_ image, after \_\_\_\_\_ likeness." (Same in **Isa 6:8**). The 'us' is the trinity.
  - b. Notice the Trinity in Jesus' baptism (**Matt 3:13-17**).
  - c. Notice the Trinity in the Great Commission of **Matt 28:19**.
  - d. The Trinity is listed in Paul's prayer in **2Cor 13:14**.
  - e. Jesus, the Father and the Holy Ghost are \_\_\_\_ (**1John 5:7**).
  - f. All throughout creation, watch for God's triple signature: like the 3 states of water (ice, liquid, and vapour), the 3 dimensions, the 3 states of time (past, present, and future), 3 basic elements of matter (proton, neutron, and electron), three parts of man (**1Thes 5:23**), and so on.
  - g. The concept of the Trinity is not made-up. It just is *beyond* our understanding!
- I. The Godhead (the Trinity) then is made up of **the \_\_\_\_\_**, **the \_\_\_\_\_** (the Son), and **the Holy Ghost** (the Holy Spirit) – see **1John 5:7**.

#### IV. Let's First Examine God as The Father

A. **God is a spirit!** God exists without any physical form or body. **John 1:18** says, "\_\_\_\_ man" has ever seen the Father with their mortal eyes, because God is a \_\_\_\_\_ (**John 4:24**). He only exists as pure light (**1John 1:5**).

#### B. God Has a Name.

1. God the Father's true name is **Jehovah** (**Ex 6:1-3**) which means "the Lord, the promise keeper."
  - a. Every time you see the word "LORD" as all capital letters in the King James Bible, it is the word **JEHOVAH** in Hebrew!
  - b. It is a very holy name (**Lev 19:12**) – NEVER to be used flippantly or in vain!
  - c. But at the same time, don't let the Jehovah Witnesses scare you away from that name. It truly IS God's name!
2. Another name God goes by is the "I \_\_\_\_" (**Ex 3:13-15**). Jesus called Himself by this same name (**John 8:56-59**)! That's because Jehovah and Jesus are the same.
3. One final name you can use for God is "\_\_\_\_\_" which means 'Daddy' – a very humble, intimate and loving name that we can refer to God as (**Ro 8:15; Mk 14:36**)

#### C. God IS the Father.

1. God is referred to as **God the Father** because:
  - a. He is the Father (the Begetter or Creator) of all things.
  - b. Secondly, He is the Father of the Son of God, Jesus Christ (**Psalm 2:7**).
  - c. Thirdly because He is the personal Begetter of your salvation - you become His child by your faith, and He becomes your Father, or "Abba," (means *Daddy*, **Gal 4:6; Mk 14:36**), who loves you and looks out for you as *His child* now!
2. God the Father is the authority of the Trinity. He is in charge of this universe whether we like it or not. That makes Him sovereign.
3. We are supposed to submit to the will and commandments of God the Father.

- a. Jesus submitted to the will of the \_\_\_\_\_ in Gethsemane (Mt 26:39).
  - b. The Holy Spirit obeys the will of the Father (John 15:26).
  - c. Certainly WE should submit!
4. Jesus said we are to pray to God the Father (Matt 6:9).
  5. The title of "Father" is reserved only for three persons:
    - a. God – Holy Father (John 17:11) – not a name for the Pope!
    - b. Your earthly father (your parent, see Mt 19:5)
    - c. And the "founding fathers" of your nation
    - d. It is NOT for anyone else who may want you to call them 'father.' We are told to call NO ONE ELSE "your \_\_\_\_\_" (Mt 23:8,9)!
- D. The most amazing truth about **God the Father...** that the great Architect of all creation, the actual Creator of "you," **wants YOU to personally get to know HIM!** The greatest purpose in anyone's life is to get to know God, start to love God, and always enjoy God in your life as you serve Him in "\_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_" (John 4:23).

## V. Let's Next Examine God The Son, Jesus Christ

### A. Jesus is the Word of God (John 1:1-3; 1John 5:7).

1. In the beginning the "\_\_\_\_\_ " always was (existed).
2. He was and is God. "*the Word was with God, and the Word was \_\_\_\_\_*" (Jn 1:1)
3. Even though He was God, He became \_\_\_\_\_ and dwelt amongst men (John 1:14)

### B. Jesus IS God – The "Deity" (the *God-ness*) of Jesus Christ

1. The Bible calls Jesus GOD!
  - a. Heb 1:8 has God the Father talking to His Son, and says, "*But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne O \_\_\_\_\_*..."
  - b. 1Tim 3:16 says, "*\_\_\_\_\_ was manifest in the flesh...*" To be manifested means to be shown as real – God REALLY became flesh. Most of the new bibles only say "He" inferring that only JESUS became flesh. We ALL believe THAT fact. But will we believe that GOD became flesh? That is the issue!
2. In Jesus was ALL of God (Col 2:9). The word Godhead means *trinity*.
3. As a Man, Jesus was separate but equal with God (Philp 2:5-7). Jesus took nothing away from God, by being God as well! Ponder that!
4. Notice His name in Matt 1:23, "*...Emmanuel, which being interpreted is \_\_\_\_\_*" (See Isaiah 44:6,8)!
5. So, *Jesus* is the manifestation of *Jehovah* God of the Old Testament (Ex 6:3).
  - a. They both are called *Lord of Lord's* in Deut 10:17 and Rev 19:16.
  - b. They both are called *Alpha and Omega* (the first and the last) in Isa 44:6; 48:12, and Rev 1:17; 22:13.
  - c. They both can't be Gods (compare Isa 44:8 with John 20:28; 14:6-9) – they must be the same God!
  - d. Psalm 68:17-18 says GOD, while Eph 4:7-10 says Jesus.
  - e. Compare Ex 3:13,14 with Jn 8:56-59, and see Ps 90:1,2.

### C. Jesus is THE most prophesied person in the entire Bible (Luke 24:47).

1. The Defeater of Satan (Genesis 3:15)
2. The promised Prophet like Moses (Deut 18:15)
3. The coming King of Israel (Isaiah 9:6,7)

4. The Suffering Servant of God (*Isa 53:6*)
5. The Substitute for sinners (*Num 21:8*)
6. The Rock of the Wilderness (*Exod 17:6; 1Cor 10:4*)
7. The Bread of Life – Manna from heaven (*John 6:58*)

**D. THE Most Wondrous Thing of all time happened... When God Became a Man – when the Word of God became the Son of God**

1. We call it Christmas!
2. God the Father did not birth another God. God the Word became a Man (*Jn 1:14*).
3. When He became a MAN, He became Jesus, **the Son**. God lived as a Son.
4. So, He is NOT just the Son of God, but God Himself, in the flesh. *Jesus* was really *Jehovah God* who had come in sinless flesh.
5. Jesus said, *to see and know Him* is actually to see and know the “\_\_\_\_\_” (*John 14:6-9*). Jesus was not just a man, or even “another God” (see *Isaiah 43:11; 44:6*). He was God the Father, in the flesh!
6. This is a great mystery, but is understood by the fact that Jesus was really God contained in flesh like you and me live (*1Tim 3:16*).

**E. Jesus is Eternal.**

1. Even though He was born, and had an earthly beginning, He has always existed. He was God before coming to earth.
2. *John 1:1* "In the beginning \_\_\_\_\_ the Word and the Word was with God and **the Word was God.**" The “Word” is **Jesus**, and the Bible says that He was both *in* the beginning, and *was* God Himself (*John 1:14; 8:56-59; 1 John 5:7; Ex 3:13-15*).
3. Jesus shared the glory of God His Father "...before the world \_\_\_\_\_." (*John 17:5*). He was not created – He is the *Creator!*
4. How many things were created by Jesus (*John 1:3*)? \_\_\_\_\_. So Jesus could not have been created since “*without \_\_\_\_\_, was not anything made that was made.*”
5. God talked with Jesus and the Holy Spirit when He made man in the beginning (*Gen 1:26*). God was not talking to angels, but to Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Note the "*Spirit*" in *Gen 1:2*.

**F. Jesus is the Son of Man – Fully Human, AND Fully God**

1. The supernatural Birth of Jesus was foretold **700 years** before (*Isaiah 7:14*)!
  - a. *Matt 1:18-20* tells us, "for that which is conceived in her is of the \_\_\_\_\_". Jesus was NOT conceived by **Joseph!**
  - b. Jesus was born of a \_\_\_\_\_ named Mary (*Matt 1:23*). She was not *just* a "young woman" like some of the Bibles say in *Isa 7:14*. God was doing something very supernatural!
2. Jesus' Life on Earth was truly supernatural, and **sinless**.
  - a. *Luke 2:40* "And the child grew and waxed \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, filled with \_\_\_\_\_: and the grace of God was upon Him."
  - b. Jesus was "\_\_\_\_\_ of the devil." (*Luke 4:1,2*), and yet never sinned, because "...in him is no \_\_\_\_\_." (*1 John 3:5*)
  - c. *1Peter 2:22* says that Jesus "... did no \_\_\_\_\_..."
  - d. *2 Corinthians 5:21* tells you that He even "... **knew** no \_\_\_\_\_."
  - e. So, with all of Jesus' sinlessness, He could have just STAYED separate from us, but instead, He came into our world, and went all the way on the cross to bring us back to God (*Isaiah 53:4-6,10*).

3. Jesus grew up in a normal family. Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt 12:46-50; 13:55,56; Mk 6:3). Mary has more children after Jesus. They were actually half-brothers and sisters – not cousins.

**G. Jesus IS the Promised Messiah** – the Saviour of the whole world!

1. His title "Christ" is the same as "\_\_\_\_\_" (John 1:40,41), which means, the "chosen One".
2. It was prophesied that the messiah would:
  - a. Heal the Jewish people (Malachi 4:2).
  - b. He would save them from their enemies (Zechariah 9:8-10).
  - c. He would restore the kingdom of David (Isaiah 9:7).
3. But BEFORE He could do any of that, He had to suffer in the place of all mankind!

**H. Jesus is the Saviour of the Whole World** purchasing forgiveness for all!

1. His very name 'Je-sus' means, "Jehovah Saves" (Mt 1:21).
2. Jesus completely paid all man's sin-debt Himself, taking the place of all sinful men in death, providing full forgiveness for anyone who will believe (Acts 13:38,39).
  - a. Rom 5:8 "But God commendeth his **love** toward us in that while we were yet \_\_\_\_\_ Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for us."
  - b. 2Cor 5:21 "For \_\_\_\_\_ (God) hath made \_\_\_\_\_ (Jesus) to be \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ who knew no sin; that we might be made the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in him."
  - c. Only the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse sin. Heb 9:22 says, "...without shedding of \_\_\_\_\_ is no \_\_\_\_\_," and 1 John 1:7 states, "...and the blood of \_\_\_\_\_ his Son \_\_\_\_\_ us from all sin."

**I. Jesus has the victory** over death and hell giving us eternal life (Romans 6:23)!

1. All other religious founders are still in the grave: Islam (Mohammed), Buddhism (Buddha), Mormon (Joseph Smith), Jehovah Witness (their *Jesus* is still dead), etc.
2. After Jesus rose from the grave, He was seen by over \_\_\_\_\_ witnesses (see 1Cor 15:3-8).
3. Acts 2:32 says, "This \_\_\_\_\_ hath God \_\_\_\_\_, whereof we are all witnesses." Jesus did NOT stay in the grave!
4. Jesus is now living and is seated at God's right hand (Heb 10:12), as our ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ (1Tim 2:5). He's our advocate/defence attorney!
5. HIS life enables us to live and prosper in this life (Col 2:9,10; 1Cor 1:30,31)! Without Him, you will have no life (John 15:1-7)

**J. Jesus IS Lord** – that means He is in charge of your and my life (Philp 2:11).

1. He is Greater than the \_\_\_\_\_ – over all the Laws of God (Mark 2:28)
2. He is Greater than the Temple (Matt 12:6).
3. He is Lord of the weather (Mark 4:39-41).
4. He is Lord over all demons and even Satan (Luke 8:26-31).
5. He is greater than sin's grip over you (Matt 9:6).
6. He is able to conquer health problems and death (John 11:43-45).
7. He is King over all kings, and Lord of lords! He is actually the Boss over all bosses, Ruler over all rulers and the king over all kingdoms!
8. Why don't we do what He says? (Luke 6:46)

**K. Jesus is COMING again!**

1. He is coming to take us home to heaven (John 14:1-3).

2. He is coming soon (Mark 13:32,33) – when you are not expecting it!
3. He is coming \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev 22:12).
4. We should be looking for Him every day to come for us (Titus 2:13).
5. More about this in Lesson 20, when we study the Future!

## VI. God The Holy Spirit, (the Holy Ghost)

### A. The Holy Spirit is a Person.

1. He is the Third Person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit comes from the Father, and is referred to as a Person – not just a Power. John 15:26 "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, HE shall testify of me."
2. We say "person" because He is as much God as the Father and Jesus Christ. Just as He was active in creation, the Holy Spirit actively indwells the body of the Christian (1Cor 6:19), and empowers him for God's service.

### B. The Holy Spirit IS God, just as are the Father, and the Word are.

1. The Holy Spirit was with God in the beginning. Gen 1:2 states, "...And the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ moved upon the face of the waters."
2. 1 John 5:7 "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and these three are \_\_\_\_\_."

### C. The Holy Spirit is All Powerful.

1. He provided the power that Jesus relied upon to live as a perfect Man (Luke 4:14).
2. It was the power of the Holy Spirit that \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus from the dead (Rom 8:11; see also Acts 2:32).

### D. The Holy Spirit does some very important work in people's lives:

1. He *convicts* people – convinces them of their guilt before God (John 16:7,8).
2. He *regenerates us* – gives us a new LIFE. John 3:5 "Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be \_\_\_\_\_ of water and of the \_\_\_\_\_, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."
3. He *indwells* the believer the moment he believes, therefore the believer's body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. 1Cor 6:19 "What? know ye not that your \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Ghost **which is in you...**?"
4. He *fills* the yielding believer. Eph 5:18 "Be not drunk with \_\_\_\_\_ wherein is excess; but be \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit."
5. He *seals* the believer. Eph 4:30 says, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are \_\_\_\_\_ unto the day of redemption." That means **once saved, always saved.**
6. He *instructs* the believer, guiding him to maturity (Jn 14:26) through \_\_\_\_\_ (2Tim 2:15) and under Bible preaching. The Christian cannot grow without the Bible being the priority in their life (Mt 4:4; Job 23:12)!
7. He *empowers* believers to live beyond their human abilities (2Tim 1:7)!
8. He *bestows gifts* of ability to the Christian that enable him or her to serve God effectively.
9. He produces *fruits* in the life of the believer as well (Gal 5:22,23) – these counteract the "works of the flesh" that our old nature does "naturally" (Gal 5:19-21).

### E. The Holy Spirit gives Priceless GIFTS to believers:

1. There WERE nine **SIGN** gifts given to first century Christians as listed in 1Cor 12:1,8-11.



- a. **Word of \_\_\_\_\_** - ability to know what people ought to do (wise actions) in tough situations (1Cor 12:8).
  - b. **Word of \_\_\_\_\_** - the ability to know something that is hidden in others (Mt 9:4).
  - c. **Faith** - The ability to believe God for others even when they themselves just can't believe (Mt 17:20).
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ - The ability to miraculously cure diseases (Mt 10:1), and raise the dead back to life (Mt 10:8).
  - e. **Miracles** - a supernatural ability to prove what you are saying is from God (Mark 16:20).
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_ - the ability to foretell the future in addition to telling-forth what the Scriptures already say.
  - g. **Discerning of spirits** - the ability to sense demonic activity in other people (Mt 16:21-23).
  - h. **Tongues** - miraculously preaching the Gospel in foreign languages (Act 2:1-12; 1Cor 14:21,22; Isa 28:11).
  - i. **Interpretation of tongues** - ability to translate what someone is saying in a foreign language so others can hear what is being spoken (1Cor 14:27,28).
  - j. Some of these are available to us today (faith, and discernment) in an obviously limited way, but not like in the first Century. They all have passed away (1Cor 13:8-10) because they were special **miracles** to turn Israel's heart back to God (Mk 16:15-20). They were not for all Christians, nor for all time (1Cor 1:22; 14:22).
2. There are seven **SERVICE** gifts of Romans 12:6-8 given today that enable Christians to serve God by their life. *These was explained back in Lesson 6.*
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ - the gift of **preaching**. It is prophetic because you KNOW the future from the Bible!
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ - the gift of **servicing**, as "a minister"
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ - the gift of **teaching** God's word
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ - the gift of **encouragement**
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ - **giving** above normal, as the Lord gives you extra money because He knows you will give it away!
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_ - the gift of **management**
  - g. \_\_\_\_\_ - the gift of **comfort**
  - h. Take a moment and note which one(s) you might have.
- F. The Holy Spirit produces Priceless FRUITS in the lives of believers too!
1. The Holy Spirit plants **9** different fruits in the believer's life (Gal 5:22,23). They are far more important than any gift of miracles you may wish you had! Take time to discuss what each fruit means!
  2. God in Galatians 5:22,23 says that "The fruit of the Spirit is..."
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_ - unconditional love (1Cor 13:1-8) Only God produces this in and through the life of the believer. The ability to love all that God loves
    - b. \_\_\_\_\_ - unending, always present. It is an attitude of the mind that overrides circumstances and feelings.
    - c. \_\_\_\_\_ - being at rest even in a storm (Mk 4:36-40)
    - d. \_\_\_\_\_ - endurance, ability to put up with trouble
    - e. \_\_\_\_\_ - compassion, even when you want revenge
    - f. \_\_\_\_\_ - ability to do right when hard to do so
    - g. \_\_\_\_\_ - ability to always believe God

- h. \_\_\_\_\_ - not drawing attention to yourself
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ - being under control; Holy Spirit-control
3. Here are some ways to get all the above fruits to grow in your life:
- a. Weed out any sins that can choke the fruit that God is trying to grow in you!
  - b. Specifically FEED the fruits, and not your flesh – with humility, and the Bible!
  - c. Allow God to prune you as He sees fit – taking away people and things that are draining the life that He is trying to put IN you!
  - d. Allow the fruits to be picked by, and spent on others. That’s why God produces fruit in you – for others to use up! God will always replace them!

## VII. Do You Want To Know God Better?

### A. Get to Know His Son.

- 1. Trust Him to save you! You can go to church, be baptized, become head deacon, or even a pastor, and yet, if you do not know Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour, you cannot ever know God - you can only fake it (**John 3:3**)!
- 2. Spend time with Him reading through the Bible and casting all your care upon Him.

### B. Get to Know His Word.

Once you are born again, and know God's Son Jesus Christ, you only know His saving power. The next step involves *studying* His word He left for you to read, love, memorize, and live in (**2Tim 2:15**)!

### C. Seek to Know His Will for Your Life (**Romans 12:1,2**).

Seeking to know God’s will for your life (who to marry, what career path to follow, how you should use your spiritual gifts to serve the Lord, etc) will help you draw very close to Him. There is an entire lesson (**Lesson 12**) that will help you discern God’s will for your life.

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