

*KNOWING
AND
LOVING GOD*

***THROUGH LEARNING AND OBEYING
THE TEACHINGS AND COMMANDS
OF JESUS***

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JESUS COMMANDED:

. . . TEACH THEM TO OBEY ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU.
(MATTHEW 28:20).

KNOWING GOD

WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE COME TO KNOW HIM IF WE OBEY HIS COMMANDS. THE MAN WHO SAYS, "I KNOW HIM," BUT DOES NOT DO WHAT HE COMMANDS IS A LIAR, AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN HIM (1 JOHN 2:3-4).

LOVING GOD

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 COMANDMENT (MATTHEW 22"37-38).

THIS IS LOVE FOR GOD: TO OBEY HIS COMMANDS
(1 JOHN 5:3).

JESUS SAID, "IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL OBEY WHAT I COMMAND. . . WHOEVER HAS MY COMMANDS AND OBEYS THEM, HE IS THE ONE WHO LOVES ME. HE WHO LOVES ME WILL BE LOVED BY MY FATHER, AND I TOO WILL LOVE HIM AND SHOW MYSELF TO HIM. . . IF ANYONE LOVES ME, HE WILL OBEY MY TEACHING. MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME TO HIM AND MAKE OUR HOME WITH HIM. HE WHO DOES NOT LOVE ME WILL NOT OBEY MY TEACHING (JOHN 14:15, 21, 23-24).

HE [GOD] WILL PUNISH THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW GOD AND DO NOT AOBHEY THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS. THEY WILL BE PUNISHED WITH EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION AND SHUT OUT FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD (2 THESSALONIANS 1:8-9).

