

HAVE YOU BEEN TO “KNOWING” SCHOOL?

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“How do you know that Jesus loves you?” my daughter asked my three year old grandson, Nicholas. He replied matter-of-factly, “Because I’ve been to knowing school” “Out of the mouths of babes” come words of truth!

Knowledge and knowing are extremely important in 21st century culture. In fact, knowledge is increasing at tremendously rapid rates as prophesied in Daniel 12:4b, “**seal up the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall increase.**”

Man has always desired “knowledge.” God placed the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden with the instruction that Adam was not to eat of it. (Genesis 2:9, 16-17) Why? This tree represents human autonomy - that is, self-rule and an assumed independence from God in all areas of life. The test of obedience will be given to everyone. We can choose to eat of the tree of life - “knowing” God and acknowledging Him as the Source of everlasting life, or we can choose to trust only in ourselves as gods without life beyond this physical existence. Even Nicholas will have to one day make an eternal choice when he reaches an age when he

“knows” the difference between right and wrong. We often call this the age of accountability when we have the ability to know the results of obeying God or obeying “self” through our physical senses, thoughts and feelings.

The Bible promises in Isaiah 11:9b that one day “**...the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea,**” This kind of knowledge or understanding can be gained through the senses (The Latin Vulgate uses scientia to translate this idea.), but it can also be taught to us personally by God Himself. Proverbs 2:5-6 says, “**Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom: from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.**”

Jesus spoke of knowing experientially when He used the Greek word “ginosko” which is the recognition of truth by personal experience. In Matthew 13:11, He says, “**.. because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.**” He was speaking to His disciples who knew Him and therefore experientially understood the parables He used in teaching. In John 8:31-32, Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “**If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free,**”

Have you been to knowing school? This school does not so much teach head knowledge as it teaches heart knowledge. It seems that through the innocence of children, heart knowledge knowing is more easily received. Perhaps that is what Jesus meant when He said that we must become like little children.

Adults can receive this knowing through the Holy Spirit -- He who opens our hearts to receive the love of God. “**By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.**” 1 John 4:13.

God wants us to know Him. In Jeremiah 31:33-34 He prophesied that when His Word was written on men’s hearts (by the Holy Spirit), they would know Him and He would forgive their sins, Zechariah quoted from this scripture at the naming of his son, John, in Luke 1:77, “**...to give knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness of their sins.**” When we know Jesus as our Savior, the Holy Spirit opens our Hearts to know God’s Heart and His Love for us. “Knowing school” is knowing God’s Heart in our hearts. The four tape series, “Knowing God’s Heart,” is available for \$20.00. See Order Page.