

“Do We Really Know Him?”

1 John 2:3-11

Introduction

- I. How many people do we really “know”?
- II. We may have many acquaintances, but often times we do not know many of them personally and deeply.
- III. How well do we really know the Lord?

Discussion

- I. There are many people who claim to know the Lord, but do they keep His commandments?
 - A. Belief in the Lord is not enough to know Him (James 2:14-26).
 - B. Obedience to God is essential to knowing Him (cf. Amos 5:21-27; Gal. 5:16ff.; 1 John 2:3-5).
- II. There are many people who claim to know the Lord, but do they walk as He walked?
 - A. Jesus came to do His Father's will (John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; Luke 22:42).
 - B. Jesus came to serve, not to be served (Matt. 20:28).
 - C. Jesus remained faithful to His Father, even in death (Phil. 2:5-8).
 - D. Our walk must resemble His walk (Mark 8:34-38; Rom. 12:1-2).
- III. There are many people who claim to know the Lord, but do they love their brethren?
 - A. Jesus loved His brethren (John 13:1-17).
 - B. We must love our brethren as He loved, or else we do not really know Him (John 13:34).
 - C. Love is essential to knowing God (1 John 4:7-8).

Conclusion

- I. To really know the Lord we must keep His commandments.
- II. Let us “examine ourselves” periodically to make sure that we know Him.