

What Do You Know?

Part II

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1John 2:20-21

20 ...ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

Good morning, Lighthouse; what do you know this morning?

In the age of the New Testament after Jesus was sacrificed for our sins and rose from the dead; He gave believers something; actually *someone*, called the Comforter; the actual indwelling of His Spirit in us.

Because of the Holy Spirit in us, we have something called an 'unction' from the Lord.

This very interesting word that is so capitalized on today is:

chrisma

khris'-mah

From [G5548](#); an *unguent* or *smearing*, that is, (figuratively) the special *endowment* ("chrism") of the Holy Spirit: - anointing, unction.

This word appears again in verse 27 and here it is translated 'anointing';

1John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

The Holy Spirit has gone a step further in the latter days of this New Testament age by literally anointing us with the written Word of God; THE truth- in-writing that can be read and studied and reread and checked and rechecked and used as the resource of all resources.

This Bible, which the Holy Spirit wrote; when studied by a truly born again believer who is indwelled with the same Holy Spirit who wrote it; who is genuinely seeking truth from God without some ulterior motive...**will produce** understanding and power that is beyond comprehension!

1Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

John 1:12-14

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

What do you want for you and your family and those you care about in 2014?

In know what I want: I want the best life has to offer; call me greedy, but that's what I want. Let me translate that for you.

Jesus said in

John 14:6...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Since Jesus is "the life," that means I want what Jesus has to offer.

Jesus has proved to me that He wants only what is the very best for me and for those I love; in spite of our faults.

Jesus has also proved to me that I can trust Him completely.

In Part I of this series we saw from the Word of God that we believers know that we are saved. We don't just 'feel' like we are saved; we don't just 'think' we are saved; we don't just have some evidence that we are saved; we have all that and one thing more; we actually have it in writing from God that we are saved!

As a matter of review, let's go back and read the list of reasons why John, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, wrote to us this particular book:

The Reasons

1John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1John 2:26 These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. [Our unction obviously doesn't make us infallible.]

1John 2:12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. [Under this heading John, in verse 13, speaks of three maturity levels of those who are forgiven.]

1John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not...

1John 1:4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

As we journey into Part II of this series of 'What Do You Know' we will broach a subject that sometimes brings us criticism:

We know we are of the truth.

1John 3:18-19

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

19 And hereby **we know that we are of the truth**, and shall assure our hearts before him.

This does bring us some degree of criticism because our confidence is sometimes mistaken for arrogance.

"Who do you think you are that only you have the truth?" "Who do you think you are that only Baptists are going to heaven?"

We have never said those particular things; there are many like us who are also of the truth. Being a Baptist has nothing to do with going to heaven, yet you will be hard pressed to find anyone who is not a Baptist that can tell you for sure how to get there.

"Who do you think you are to say that you 'know' you are going to heaven?"

I believe we explained that in Part I.

Let me say emphatically to every member and guest here this morning; we know that what we teach and preach in this Church is the truth!

Now, you can call that arrogant if you want to; but let me ask you a question; why would anyone want to be a member of a Church where they were not confident that they were preaching and teaching the truth?

I was looking up statistics this week associated with what pastors teach and what they really believe; I had to quit because it was just too depressing!

It suffices to say that what we have here at Lighthouse is indeed rare and remarkable.

I'm sure there is someone out there thinking, "How can you be so sure that you are right about all of this?"

Well, I am so glad you asked. First of all:

I. We know we are of the truth because the unction we are given is tested.

1John 3:19-24

19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God.

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

A. We know several facts that relate to this:

1. Because we still dwell in sinful flesh, the unction or anointing we have is subject to corruption even though the Spirit dwelling within us is not.

a. Otherwise there would be no need of warning against being seduced by false teachers.

b. **1John 2:26** These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. [Our unction obviously doesn't make us infallible.]

2. Our unction; our inner ability to recognize and understand what is true is something that must be tested and proved; God having both given us a way to accomplish this and commanded us to do so.

a. **2Timothy 2:15** Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that

needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

b. **1Thessalonians 5:21** Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

B. There are rules within the Scriptures that pertain to the right dividing of them.

1. One of the more obvious rules is that of agreement.

a. God is one; God cannot lie; The Word of God is proven and true.

b. Thus what you say you believe in one part of Scripture must stand in agreement with all of Scripture.

c. Only when it does can you be sure that what you believe is of the truth.

2. Another is that of contextual agreement.

a. There is consistency in the style and phraseology of every Biblical writer that must be considered.

b. What is interpreted must agree with the immediate context.

3. Consider the doctrine of the Holy Spirit; there is much we know:

a. **John 16:8-15**

- 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
- 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;
- 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;
- 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.
- 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.
- 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.
- 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show *it* unto you.
- 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show *it* unto you.

b. Nowhere in the ministry or practice of the Holy Spirit do we find baptism.

c. Yet one obscure verse, misinterpreted and used by itself, is the basis for a world-wide highly popular false doctrine.

d. **1Corinthians 12:13** For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,...

e. The context shows that we are baptized in water by the influence of the Holy Spirit; which agrees with all other Scripture.

C. Would you like to test your Biblical interpretation skills?

1. It is sadly true that most Christians simply accept and sometimes reject what they hear preached without proving it out for themselves.

2. So let's test your Biblical knowledge:

3. There is a fun Bible question we sometimes ask about the great flood; "How many of each animal did Moses take with him into the ark?"

4. The answer is 0; Moses didn't build the ark, Noah did.

5. That was fun, now be serious; how many of each animal did Noah take with him into the ark? Every kid in Sunday School knows this, right?

6. Who says two? Who says seven? Who says two of unclean and seven of clean animals?

7. Let's go and see;

Genesis 7:1-3

1 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

2 **Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.**

3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

8. So how many were there? It's not complicated, it's only one sentence (vs. 2). OK a sheep is a clean animal and a pig is an unclean animal.

9. So how many sheep? Seven? How's that? Three couples and one gay sheep? I don't think so.

10. If it is 'by sevens' and each unit is a male and a female, then the answer can only be 14.

11. What about the pigs; remember the contextual agreement rule. If it is 'by two' and the unit is a male and a female, then the answer must be 4.

12. **Genesis 7:9** There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah. A male is one and a female is one; but they went in two and two.

13. Oh, I know you have likely never heard this taught anywhere but here; and were it not already ingrained in you that it was two of each animal; this would not be confusing to you at all.

14. My question is this: If generations of Christians can miss something so simple; what else are you missing?

II. We know we are of the truth because we ourselves are the product of that truth.

A. We are exactly what the Bible said we would become by placing our trust in Jesus Christ to save us.

1. We are changed.

2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2. We are being changed.

2Corinthians 3:17-18

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

3. That purity and holiness which the Lord placed on the inside is continually influencing and changing us on the outside; just like God said it would.

B. We enjoy a living, breathing actual relationship with Jesus every day.

1. So what do we know?
2. **1John 5:18** **We know** that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. Our spirit has been made righteous; we know this because we are at war with our own sinful flesh every single day.
3. **1John 5:19** *And we know* that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. We don't fit in this world anymore. This world is no longer our home.
4. **1John 5:20** *And we know* that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. We have a daily living relationship with Jesus.
5. We know He answers our prayers.

1John 5:14-15

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

6. We know He keeps his promises to us.

1John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

In Conclusion:

Wouldn't you like to know what we know?

Wouldn't you like to have what we have?

Well you can; because Jesus loves you just like He loves us!

I am convinced that 2014 is going to be the year that some of you discover the power in God's Holy Word to succeed and prosper for God's glory.