

SOME THINGS CHRIST DOES NOT KNOW

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It is not the purpose of this article to limit what the Lord knows but to call to our attention some valuable lessons.

CHRIST KNEW NO SIN.

Paul told the Corinthians, *“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him”* (2 Cor. 5:21). We read, in Matthew 4:1-11, of Jesus being tempted by Satan, *“yet without sin”* (Heb. 4:15). Peter said that Christ left us a perfect example *“Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously”* (1 Pet. 2:22-23). Jesus never did commit one single sin. What a record!

CHRIST DOES NOT KNOW WHEN HE WILL RETURN.

Down through the years there have been many time setters in regards to the Lord's second coming. Up to this time, they have all proven to be false. The Bible teaches that Christ Himself does not know when He will return. In reference to the second coming, Mark said, *“But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven,*

neither the Son, but the Father” (Mk. 13:32). Only God the Father knows when Christ will return and He has not told anyone! The emphasis is not placed on the time but being ready when it does come (Mk. 13:32-37).

CHRIST DOES NOT KNOW A SINGLE PERSON HE DID NOT DIE FOR. Contrary to the teaching of some, Christ did not die for just a pre-selected few. The Hebrew writer said, *“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man”* (Heb. 2:9). Christ died for the worst sinner. Paul said, *“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”* (Rom. 5:8). The death of Christ has made the salvation of every man possible if he will but obey Him (Heb. 5:8-9).

CHRIST KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT ESTABLISHING ANY CHURCH BUT HIS OWN. The Psalmist has warned us, *“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it...”* (Ps. 127:1). The only church Jesus ever promised to build was His own. Jesus told Peter, *“I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”* (Mt. 16:18). Because the church belongs to Christ, we can read about *“the*

churches of Christ” (Rom. 16:16) in the New Testament. If Jesus had anything to do with establishing any other church but His own, He does not know about it.

CHRIST DOES NOT KNOW ANY WAY UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY HIM. People have always tried to get to the Father without Christ. Jesus told Thomas, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me”* (Jn. 14:6). Jesus is the door and He knows of no person who can reach the Father except by coming through the door. The process by which one comes to Christ is that he be drawn by the power of God to save, which is the gospel of Christ (Jn. 6:44-45; 2 Th. 2:14). Thus when one hears, believes and obeys the gospel, he can be saved from his past sins and be added to the Lord's church. The Lord knows of no other plan by which men are saved.

THE LORD WILL NOT KNOW SOME AT THE JUDGMENT. Jesus said, *“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto*

them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity” (Mt. 7:21-23). In the judgment, the Lord will have those standing before Him who have been lawless while they lived and He will declare that He never did approve of them. Such a person Jesus will not know at the judgment.

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“THAT YE ALL SPEAK THE SAME THING”

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Paul pleaded with the Corinthians, “...*that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment*” (1 Cor. 1:10). The Lord doesn’t want you saying one thing and me another. He expects us to all speak the same thing.

Are those who say we are saved by faith alone speaking the same thing as those who say salvation is not by faith only?

Are those who say mechanical instruments of music are acceptable in worship today speaking the same thing as those who say we must just sing and make melody in our heart unto the Lord?

Are those who say Romans 14 includes differences of moral and doctrinal import speaking the same thing as those who say Romans 14 is limited to authorized liberties?

Are those who say the days of creation in Genesis 1 cannot be literal, but must be ages speaking the same thing as those who say the days are literal, 24 hour days?

Are those who say denominational baptism is acceptable for membership in the one body speaking the same thing as those who say a person must be properly taught and Scripturally baptized to be in the one body?

Are those who say that the alien sinner is not amenable to God’s marriage laws, and that after being baptized a couple may remain in an adulterous marriage speaking the same thing as those who say God’s

marriage laws apply to whosoever, and the command to repent necessitates a couple in an adulterous marriage separate before being baptized?

The only way speaking the same thing is possible is when we all “*walk by the same rule*” (Phil. 3:16) and “*speak as the oracles of God*” (1 Pet. 4:11). The fact that some are speaking different things says that some are walking by a different rule and have quit speaking as the oracles of God. When men begin to speak things “*contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned*” and they won’t repent of it, it then becomes time for “*marking*” and “*avoiding*” (Rom. 16:17) in an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:3).

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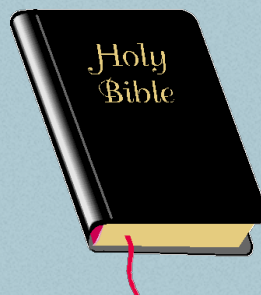
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