



KNOWING OUR FATHER

There are many who think they know our heavenly Father. Some think that he is on their side. The Germans during both world wars thought that God was on their side. The Muslim terrorists think that God is on their side when they commit suicide by blowing themselves up along with as many others as possible.

All of those who think that God is on their side do not know their Father. If they knew their Father, they would choose to be on his side and not proclaim that God is on their side. Even the great Apostle Paul spent a lifetime searching to know our Father better.

Philippians 3:10

10 **That I may know him**, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

To really know our Father is to be like him. We will only truly know him when we are resurrected and are with him. Until that time we have the same hope that the Apostle Paul had.

1 John 3:1-24

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, **when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**

3 And every man that hath this hope in him

purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

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15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

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.

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.

To be a Christian is to continually grow in the Lord. Christianity is a growth process where we are continually learning more about our heavenly Father. As long as we reside on this earth as mortal beings, we will not ever truly know our Father.

As we grow in grace, we slowly and gradually become more like him. We realize that he is above while we are below. We realize that he is far greater than us. We come to the realization that God is not on our side, but are we on his side? We are either on the devil's side or

on God's side. We make a choice whether to live for the Lord Jesus Christ or to live in sin and serve Satan. The more we serve Jesus and live in righteousness, the more we know and learn about him. Peter states:

2 Peter 3:18

18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

We need to be steadfast and steady in the Lord just like the following song:

I Shall Not Be Moved

Verses by John T. Benson

Arr. by Mrs. Jas. A. Pate

Jesus is my Saviour,
I shall not be moved;
In his love and favor,
I shall not be moved,
Just like a tree that's
planted by the waters, Lord,
I shall not be moved.

Chorus

I shall not be,
I shall not be moved;
I shall not be,
I shall not be moved;
Just like a tree
that's planted by the waters, Lord,
I shall not be moved.

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