

While this statement -- taken alone, as it *often* is -- is absolutely true, it is merely the first several words which begin the sixth verse; you will notice there is a colon (:) immediately following the word "knowledge" which of course indicates that the words which follow this opening statement have a bearing on the meaning and significance of the idea being expressed. Here is the remainder of the sixth verse:

" . . . because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

It is quite clear that Our Covenant God takes "knowledge" very seriously. Jesus tells us that we shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make us free! (*St. John 8:32*). If we are not free, then we must not be knowing the Truth! If this means that we might have to clean out and discard even most of a lifetime of what we now discover to be in error, what is of more value than knowing the Truth and being truly free: at liberty to be everything God had designed us to be from the beginning?

The first chapter of the book of Genesis speaks of God creating Adam-kind in His Image and in His Likeness. As Covenant people, we are created with a built-in propensity to respond to His Spirit, as He says that we would be ". . . lively stones . . ." (*1 Peter 2:5*) and living epistles (letters) of Christ, ". . . written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." (*2 Corinthians 3:3*).

This astounding fact is one which cuts both ways: It gives us the capacity for divine revelation of the Scriptures, transforming sterile words on paper to fertile and lively Truths firmly anchored in our spirits and souls! However, unless we ourselves ". . . continue in the faith [of God] grounded and settled, . . ." (*Colossians 1:23*), we are all too apt to be led, even by otherwise honest and well-meaning (though ignorant) "learned" men, into thoughts and ideas which are contrary to **Bible Truth**.

"All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them."
– Galileo Galilei (1564 - 1642)

"A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes."
– *attributed to* Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened." – Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

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When you hear the words "Bible truth", what comes to mind?

Are you among the growing number of sincere and concerned Christians who are increasingly dissatisfied with, alarmed by and even skeptical of what passes for "Christianity" and the current state of the church at large?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Thousands of our fellow Christian brothers and sisters are frustrated with a church which fails to meet their *spiritual* needs, primarily centered in the fundamental concepts of our true Covenant heritage *and* responsibilities . . . there's so often no Power in the pulpit, so how can there be profound praises in the pew?

Most denominational organizations and local assemblies are quite adept regarding the "nuts and bolts" of "church building": attracting visitors and potential new members. More often these efforts are directed at meeting physical or natural needs and desires to "get them in the door". The emphasis on the "church" as an organization has left in the dust the original divine concept of the church being an organism, a living and dynamic body, growing up into Him in all things, the very reason for His giving us the ministry gifts. (*read* Ephesians 4:11-16)

The so-called "mega-churches" of today are very skilled at advertising and promotion, and they can fill their vast auditoriums, but how many sincere seekers of Truth will "come as they are, and leave as they came"? With the extremely low standards of dress, the raucous and dissonant "music", the often fleshly stage presence of the musicians and even of many "ministers", it is difficult to separate such a gathering from a common everyday rock concert or other such public event.

The traditional and denominational churches, for the greater part, are stagnated in the basic doctrines which are right and true and there is little or no dynamic spiritual growth taking place; the progressive revelation of Truth ceased to be manifested in those organized gatherings some time ago. Many still attend out of habit or for various social purposes, yet there are those who are dissatisfied and desperately searching even while they remain on the rolls as loyal members.

"If only we could rescue the personality of Jesus Christ from organized religion, the people would flock to Him again as in days of old" -- Mark Guy Pearse (1842 – 1930), a Cornish Methodist minister and associate of Pastor Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

In the sacred pages of the Bible, Our LORD Jesus Christ displays the Power of God in preaching, healing and restoration. He preaches the Gospel to the poor (*aka* "common man"), He heals the brokenhearted, He brings deliverance to the captives (most of us live in varying degrees and types of "captivity"), He recovers the sight of the blind (the spiritually as well as the physically blind) and He sets at liberty we who have been bruised (spiritually "abused").

Read St. Luke Chapter 4 and Isaiah Chapter 61.

He tells us that we shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make us free! (*St. John 8:32*) If we are *not free*, then we must *not* be *knowing* the Truth!

He also tells us that we would do "greater works" than He did when He – the Word made flesh – was here on earth! (*St. John 14:12*)

So . . . what happened???

Why do we seldom, if ever, see or hear about the Power of God in **daily** operation among us, as He said it *would* be?

"Jesus Christ the same **yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**"
(Hebrews 13:8)

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

The same Spirit which raised Jesus Christ from the dead dwells in **US!** (Romans 8:11)

THE PROBLEM: *We have forgotten who we are!*

We cannot walk in the FULLNESS of our spiritual inheritance when we don't know *who we are!*

The purpose of this informational effort is to bring the People of God back into the Right Relationship with God, Who is not only Our Creator, but He is also Our FATHER! Jesus Himself prayed for us when He walked the earth 2000 years ago. Read His **entire** Prayer **for us** in St. John Chapter 17, especially Verse 20!

"Neither pray I for these [His original disciples] alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; . . ."

We sincerely pray that the information presented in the succeeding pages will help in restoring the relationship which God has always intended for us to have with Him!

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