

“How Much Does Christ Know Us”

Meditating on the wonders of God

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A. Jesus knows our hardships

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 - a. It commanded that we pray,
 - b. Communion with God is fostered through dialog.

C. Jesus knows us without limits:

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1. He knows us beyond our comprehension –
2. He knows us with redeeming love –

II. Three Great promises for those whom Jesus knows:

John 10:27–28 — ²⁷ *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.”*

- A. **We will discern His divine will for our life** - we hear His voice.
- B. **We will follow this commandment** - Obedience is the proof that we know God.

C. We ARE given eternal life –

1. We will **“never perish”** (ἀπόλλυμι) – to be lost or destroyed by means of separation from the greater whole (Christ).
2. **“No one will snatch”** us from His hand - we are eternally secure in His power to keep us. (**see Romans 8:39**)

III. What is the responsibility of those who are known and loved?

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1. This a decision to believe that God plan is perfect and better than ours.
2. If we don’t believe God’s plan for our life is perfect, then we will always follow ourselves.

C. **Draw near to God to know His plans - Jeremiah 29:12–13** — ¹² *‘Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ ‘You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.’*

1. Call upon the Lord.
2. Come and pray to Him – so He can hear our voice.
3. Seek and find Him (in prayer, in the bible, on path of obedience).
4. Don’t do it with half or a divided heart.

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