



## “Let us Value the Knowledge of God”

The world does not know the truth, and only worries about the material life conditions. They ignore that in the times of the end, science grows, but what matters to God, faith and love, is fading.

Let us see what happens when someone values more the scientific knowledge: “a man with a doctoral degree in nutrition, loving science, spend his youth studying, didn’t get married, instead he dedicated his time to researching how to get people out of malnutrition in Central America. By the end of his research career, he received all types of acknowledgements. He became affected gravely, to the extent that he died a couple of weeks after retirement.”

Those of us who have known God, we know death is just one step to our new life in the gospel. Nevertheless, when we lived in this world without the presence of God in our being, we were dead in our transgressions and sins. One of the sins was the injustice from the creature to the creator, by not looking for him to know and do his will, not loving him, not fearing him and not serving him. The knowledge of God takes us to reciprocate that great love, because: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (Jn 3:16, NIV). And with his mercy he shows us the way: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...” (Pr 1:7).

Through the faith that we obtained through hearing the word of God, we are taken to repentance through the baptism, and confirmation of the presence of the Holy Spirit, which moves us to stop loving the world and the flesh. We are renewed in our understanding to perform the will of God and to stop being instruments of the evil one; we now look to serve in the kingdom of heaven by following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ: “Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me” (Jn 12:26).

The Lord invites us to deny ourselves and take our cross to be able to reach the father who has given us to know that: “...apart from me you can do nothing” (Jn 15:5). This motivates us to remain in him for him to remain in us and be able to say: “I can do all through him who gives me strength” (Phil 4:13).

Let us not forget the Apostle Paul’s advise: “Since, then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God... For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God” (Col 3:1-3). Let’s ask God

to remind us, that while in Christ, we are new creatures and have the ministry of reconciliation. Let us live in unity and harmony with God, and with that joy, take that blessing to those who do not know the Lord, and are how we used to be: weary and worn out. But thanks to the blessed word of God, we have faith, hope, and peace.

Let us talk about God, and live like children of God, doing good deeds. This is why the Bible says: “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” (Mt. 5:14-16). Something very important: where there is light, there is heat, and where there is darkness, the environment is cold. This is why faith is decreasing and the love of many is growing cold. We must maintain our laps on; because God is coming.

### The value of knowing God

Saul persecuted the church when he didn’t know God. Nevertheless, God in his mercy talked to him and told him “Saul, why do you persecute me?” and he lost his sight. Then, Saul asked, knowing that it was Jesus who was talking, he asked him what to do. Seeing this, God turned him to Ananias to receive his sight and then was filled with the Holy Spirit to serve the gentiles and the Jews (read Acts 9:4-19). The Apostle Paul, at the end of his days, after having known and understood the gospel said: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing” (1 Tim 4:7-8).

The Apostle John tells us: “I write to you, dear children, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one” (1 Jn 2:14). Thank you, Father, for your word and Spirit, which manifests in our youth, who have been moved to visit the sick and hospitals, taking this message of salvation.

When we search the word diligently, we value the knowledge that God has left for us to understand and be grateful for his mercies. Glory to you Father, for giving us the necessary edification! Amen and amen.

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