The Knowledge of Jesus Christ

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[0:00] Welcome. Thank you for choosing to listen to another word-filled message by David Entry. Preaching is the means by which God manifests His word and nourishes our spirits. May the life of God enter into you and you as you listen to this message. Be blessed.

I want to just talk about prioritizing the word of God. As a Christian, the quality of your Christianity is at the mercy of the quality of your knowledge.

The knowledge of God's word or your knowledge of Christ. In fact, 2 Peter 1, verse 2. 2 Peter 1, verse 3. 2 Peter 1, verse 8.

2 Peter 2, verse 20. 2 Peter 3, verse 18. Then we will go to John 17, verse 3. And Philippians 3, verse 8 and 9.

But 2 Peter 1, verse 2, and verse 3, and verse 8. Chapter 2, verse 20. Chapter 3, verse 18. What should be multiplied to you?

[1:08] How many of us want grace? Paul said, I am what I am. What does that mean? That means that grace is a maker. Grace made me.

That's what it's saying. In effect. First Corinthians chapter 15, verse 10. He said, I am what I am by the grace. Grace has made me. When you see God using somebody.

Or somebody doing well. In working with God and doing well. Okay. Particularly in ministry. You are not doing well. If you are doing well everywhere by ministry. You are not doing well.

If your marriage is doing well. But your progress in God's work. Is not increasing. You are not doing well. You are not doing well.

You are earning well. But your input in the work of God. Has not increased. Your impact in the work of God. Your usefulness is a bigger word.

[2:07] Your usefulness for people's spiritual development. Has not increased. You are not doing well. Let's cut to the chase. Christians.

You've seen somebody attain a certain level in God. And you want that level. No. Don't target that level. First of all. Look at the person. And see what grace can do.

And tap. Find how you can honor. Whom God is honoring. The grace will actually. When you pour water. Water. Just.

When I pour water here. Do you know it will come here. There are people who are saying. Lay hands on me. And your attitude towards the grace is different. The grace doesn't flow up.

Oh please. God gives grace to the. Grace doesn't flow up. Water does not flow up. It flows down. Automatically. So if you. If. If. I want the water to flow here.

[3:04] I tilt this thing. The water will come. By itself. So when you see someone has grace. Find a way of positioning yourself. Honoring the grace. Around the grace. And honoring and serving the grace.

And it will be coming on you. But it doesn't mean. The achievement of that grace. On that person's life. Is going to be the same. Attainment in your life. It might manifest in different ways. Different ways.

If you look at all the men of God. Great men of God. That we are. We are aware of in our times. They. At a point in time. Served and followed. Other men of God. But.

What they are doing. Those other men of God. They didn't do exactly that. There might. There might be some. Similarities. But in a different dimension. No carbon copy. It's a different dimension. When you catch grace.

The grace then begins to manifest in your life. It goes on. Based on the. Or a cordomaya. Within the time. And. It's so many dimensions. It's not like you are becoming a prime minister.

[3:59] So I will also be a prime minister. And the same prime minister. That really doesn't change. It's the same role. But when it comes to grace. It's different. So I was sharing with them that. When you see someone.

God doing something. In somebody's life. First of all. Don't give their credit. To the education. I don't understand why. Preachers will say. Paul. Because Paul was that. Educator. As lawyer. That's why he was able to produce that.

Please don't give their credit to it. He himself said. I am what I am. By the grace of. You are also saying that. You are. His what is. By his education. I think you are making a mistake. It's a big mistake.

Paul said these things. That no man taught me these things. So why are you crediting it. To his education. When he is saying that. No man taught him those things. Say grace. Grace

Expressions of grace. The. The. The stewardship of grace is given to. Unto each one. Grace is given. The same thing. Unto each one. Ephesians 4.

[4:54] 7. Unto each one. Allocation of grace. Administration of grace. Dispensing. Stewardship of grace is given. Based on how you are exposed to.

Other men of God. Hallelujah. So. Coming back to what. I'm saying. It's. It's important. To understand that.

When God is using somebody. It's grace at work. But they also have to do. Their. Their homework. Homework. Hev.

Let me tell you this. God can never use you. In a very unique way. When you are working. In sin. Don't mind anyone.

Who is telling you. God understands. Unfortunately. He doesn't understand. The language of sin. You want to impact people. But you are living like. An unbeliever. Please. Let me.

[5:48] Submit it to you. We can't affect. United Kingdom. When we are constantly. Living in sin. You can't. You are living in a dream.

You can't. Don't judge people. That's why. That language is why.

God can't use you. What you think. God is using you for. No. It's social service. It's not God's move. Grace. Say grace. Grace.

Grace. Grace be multiplied. Unto you. Grace. Grace and peace. Be multiplied. To you. Through. The knowledge. Of. God. Why are you coming to church? And you are not growing.

Your knowledge of God. You are not growing. What does it mean to know God? What the meaning of the knowledge of God? That's where we are going. You can't know God. Outside of the word of God.

[6:45] And I'm not talking about quotations. Because as of quotations. We can all quote. Quoting is not the same as knowing God. You can quote scriptures. But you don't know scripture.

Like Acts chapter 18. Verse 24. 25. There's a young man called Apollos. Bible said. He was mighty in the scriptures. But he only knew. The baptism of John. Priscilla and Aquila.

Took him aside. And they schooled him. According to the proper New Testament. Wait. And he became a mighty guy. That's why. Those of you who are young.

In church. And those of you who have your children. In church. It's an advantage for their future. Because. You are laying a lot of strong foundations. God can build on it very easily. There has not been a repository.

Of God's word. Or a certain type of teachings. That makes people familiar. That's the only way Jesus. Jesus could come on earth.

[7:41] There was a people. There were a people. Or there was a group of people. Who. Who were. The Bible says. They were the consultants. Of the oracles of God.

They're talking about the Jews. So there was a platform. For which Jesus. God himself. Can enter. That is. He couldn't have come. Outside of the Jews. Because.

These are people. Who have. Built their lives. Around the word of God. They have built their culture. Everything is about. And then. So Jesus. In fact. When he was born. He was a baby. Bible says. In the book of Luke.

Luke chapter 2. I think verse 26. Or 24. 25. 26 somewhere. On the 8th day. According to the law of Moses. On the 8th day.

According to the law of Moses. They brought him to the temple. To do. What custom demands. And when 8 days. Were accomplished. For the circumcision of the child. His. His name was called Jesus.

[8:37] Which was. Um. The name by the angel. Why don't you read it. They came. They did this. Because that's what the custom. Um. The. According to the law of Moses. Is it that. According to.

Yeah. According to the law of Moses. So every. Where did the law of Moses come from? God took. His standard. And pass it on to a man. Called Moses. For his.

For him to deliver to his people. And he says that. Upon this system. Am I going to raise the people. So as soon as they came out of Egypt. God gave them this system. And built.

The community of Israel. Around the law. God told. Joshua. That this book. Of the. Luke. Joshua chapter 1 verse 8.

I feel like preaching you know. This book. Of the law. Shall not depart. Out of your mouth. But you shall meditate upon it. Day and night. Observing to do.

[9:31] All. Don't mind the. Mad people. In the. Who are. Trying to invade the church. To change our doctrine. So we shouldn't obey. Some of the things in the bible. Observing to do.

All. That is written in it. All. So then. You shall make. Your way. Prosperous. And have good success. Somebody say amen. Amen. Galatians 4.4.

In the fullness of time. Look at that. Let's already allow it from the screen. But when the fullness of time was come. God sent forth his son. Made of a woman. You see that.

They under the law. That he needed to come. In a certain already. Established system. So the more you expose yourself. To church.

And teachings of God's word. You are building a certain platform. Upon which God can accomplish things. In your life. So the more you keep. Hearing God's word. Coming to church.

[10:29] Hearing God's word. That's why we can't come to church. Without hearing God's word. We can't come to church. Without hearing God's word. So.

The scriptures make us to understand. That grace and peace. Be much. Is someone receiving something at all? It looks like. I am contending for the gospel.

In your hearts. I fear. 2nd Corinthians chapter 11 verse 2. I fear. I fear. What does it say?

I am jealous. I am jealous. I am jealous. I am. No verse 1. Verse 1. Yeah. That big girl. That's verse 3 right now. But I fear.

By any means. As the serpent. He's going to come. We are creating a garden of Eden here. But the serpent lies. The garden of Eden. He's going to come. I can see great men of God.

[11:26] Great women of God here. But I fear. If I don't maintain a certain type of teachings. And emphasis. And focus. Satan. Will invade our system very easily.

And we don't want. Listen. The more fornication is increasing in church. The more the church is wicked to make impact. It doesn't matter what the pastor is preaching. So one of the things the pastor must preach.

Is first of all. He himself must keep himself clean. And preach our demons. From infiltrating our system. Because a human problem. There will be one or two. But please. We are not unbelievers.

So don't. Don't feel comfortable with what unbelievers feel comfortable with. For goodness sake. You are a Christian. For goodness sake. You are a child of God. What are you doing with the fraud?

You are a child of God. Why are you still living with a guy? Going to spend overnight in a guy's house. And you are comfortable. Maybe you are tempted. I can understand. You are tempted. You shouldn't do it.

[12:25] And you went. I can understand. But you can't feel comfortable about that. Going to Dubai with your boyfriend. You are sharing the same hotel with your boyfriend. You have gone once.

You are going again. You already have books ahead. This year. Next year. You are going again. Even when we want to go for camp. You are asking. They should give you and your boyfriend one room.

You are getting mad. And those of you. I am about to say something very evangelistic. Those of you who are in church. Now you are born again. But you were not born again.

So it is understandable. But now you are born again. You. He is not your husband. Even though you are living together. He is still not your husband.

I know you were living together before he came to Christ. But do as occasion demands. Do as occasion demands. Don't be feeling comfortable in church.

[13:21] And you are living with a woman. You are not married to. My heart. Job chapter 38. 32. He said. My heart is full of matter. Listen.

I am not trying to impress you. There is a burden on my heart. The only reason why I have chosen to stay in United Kingdom. Is this kind of preaching.

So if I abandon that. I can also abandon the preaching that made me stay here. Then I have lost. Now I have lost everything.

The quality of a preacher. Of a church. Has everything to do with their message. Some of you see. People doing something on Instagram.

You want us to copy. You know. I don't think you know the kind of church you are dealing with. We should also jump in the prisons. And go and preach.

[14:18] And bring street boys in church. For what? We go to the street to preach. Where we find them. We preach them. When the time comes. We go. We get to get to prison.

We preach. We preach anywhere. Bible said they went everywhere preaching. Those who have scattered. Acts chapter 8. Verse 1 and 2. Wherever they went. They were preaching. And verse 4.

Acts chapter 8. They scattered. They went everywhere preaching. Verse 4. They were preaching. Verse 5. Philip went to Dameria. He was preaching. He was in sense. Because. But he was just. They were a preaching community.

2 Peter chapter 2 verse. Chapter 1 verse 2. Grace and peace be multiplied unto you. According to the knowledge. Wow. So you see.

What. Your knowledge of God. Can do for you. Grace is not multiplied to you. Purely because hands are laid on you. I began to discover.

[15:16] That. There are a lot of testimonies. In our church. That are directly linked. To a declaration. Than a. Laying on offense. Because.

God has committed himself. To his word. Am I. Am I. Am I downgrading. And downplaying. Laying on offense. No. It's so spiritual.

It's so important. But I've discovered. The word. Is the. Impregnating agent. Is the word.

The word. The Bible says that. The seed. Is the word. Look chapter. No. Chapter 8. Verse 11. The seed. Is the word. Or the word. Is the seed. Now.

The problem is. The seed. Is the word. We are not born again. By a corruptible seed. First. Chapter 1. But by. Verse 23. Incorruptible seed.

[16:09] Which is by the word. Of God. So when. True word. Enters you. It doesn't leave you. Listen. Let me tell you. Listen. Some people. After lockdown. They haven't come to church.

But they can't stay out long. Because. They have tasted. The good word of the Lord. They can't stay. In a backsliding state. How many of you. Almost backslid. But you couldn't.

The songwriter said. The songwriter said. I almost. Gave up. I thought. I. The devil.

Help me bow. Depression. Weighed me down. But God. Help me close. So I wouldn't let go.

God. Mercy. Help me close. So I wouldn't let go. I. Almost.

[17:07] God. Give up. Ah. Shakata. Baba. I was right at the end. Of a breakthrough. I couldn't see you.

The devil nearly had me. But Jesus came and grabbed me. And he helped me close.

So I wouldn't let go. God's mercy. God's mercy. That's the part of life. That's the part. That's the God's mercy thing. So I wouldn't let go.

God's mercy. I wouldn't let go. When you walk with God. It gets to a time. Sometimes you are close to giving up. But the hypocrites. Don't want to know that.

So when they see you. You. You. Sometimes people take a dip. But. I'm glad you are back. Amen. We need to learn.

[18:06] How to celebrate. Prodigal sons. Who come back home. We need to say. If you are a man. Who has tested mercy. You can't hold charges.

Against others. Wow. Yeah. And then. Mercy came and helped me.

Since that time. I can't boast. I can't boast. Of my goodness. No. I can't boast.

Of my tenacity. How tenacious. And how much. I pushed in. I can only boast. Of the goodness. Of God.

So I know I'm talking to somebody. But I'm glad. Satan. Couldn't. Have you. He actually. He actually planned for you. He had.

[19:00] He had a program. After this. What was supposed to happen. And what was. You went almost halfway. And he thought. Some of you went so far. He thought. Finally. I've gotten this.

Girl. I've gotten this. Guy. Out of this. Church thing. I can use him. To fulfill my own. Assignment. For some reason. You walk.

I feel. You came to your senses. I can't eat big food. Or someone. You saw something online. That reminded you of church. First. Second Peter chapter two verse.

Chapter one verse two. Talks about. How grace and peace. Multiplies. On the platform of. Knowledge. Of God. And of Jesus. Oh. Is Jesus not God? He is God. Grow in the knowledge of God.

Grow in the knowledge of Christ. That settles it. The quality of your Christian life. Is strong enough. To be able to handle any storm.

[19:57] And the more Christ is in you. When you speak. You don't. Somebody can quote John 3.16. Another person can quote John. You quote your own. And it's different. Like Jesus Christ. In Luke chapter four.

Verse 21. 20-21. When he read. The Bible says that. They couldn't keep their eyes off him. He went and sat down. They kept their eye on him. The Bible said. And they marveled at the gracious words that proceeded.

He just read Isaiah. Everybody has been reading. How come he himself. When he read his own. It's like people's attention were arrested. To the extent that. When he left the stage. And went and sat down.

They still. They were not looking on the stage. They just. He came from an uncle in the spirit. Grow in the knowledge of God. And of Christ Jesus.

And verse three. Look at how. The nature of God. We have been made partakers of the. Or God has given to us. All things that pertain to life and godliness. On what basis? On what basis?

[20:53] According as his divine power. Has given unto us. All things that pertain to life. And godliness. Through the knowledge. You can't afford not to know. You can't afford not to know.

The quality. The reason why you are embracing all kinds of. All kinds of. Infiltration in your Christian life. And you are not realizing. Because you are low in knowledge. You are low in knowledge.

You think you have been in church long enough. But you haven't been in Christ long. That long. No. You haven't. The Bible said. Roots. Be rooted and grounded in him.

You are not rooted. You don't have. I am talking. Colossians chapter 2. You don't have roots. Roots. Someone comes to you and talks.

Anything. You are easy to be convinced. The Bible says that. We are no longer. Like not being children. Ephesians chapter 4. Verse 14. No longer like children.

[21:54] Talks to and fro. Do you know what talks to us? Do you know? Look at what talks to us. Carried. Talks to and fro. Carried about with every wind of teaching. It's teaching.

What you keep hearing. Will determine how you can be tossed. Yeah. What you keep hearing. 2 Peter chapter 2 verse 8. For if these things be in you and abound.

They make you. That ye shall neither be barren or unfruitful. Yeah. You got to know Jesus.

I like the Philippians chapter 3 verse 8. Doubtless. I count all things but loss. For the. Excellence. Excellence your what? For whom.

I have suffered the loss of all. I just want to know this guy. Paul said. I just. I want to know him. I want to know him. You are gone off.

[22:53] You are still playing drums. But you are gone off. You are still singing. But you are gone off. You are still close to pastor. But you are gone off. That's why he wants a piece of his flesh.

You have gone off. You have gone off. You are doing artich. Wearing yellow t-shirt. Militants on the streets. But you are gone off. You have gone off. You have gone off.

He said you have a name that you are alive. But you don't know. You are dead. Revelation chapter 3. Gone off. Gone off. We can be preaching. But we are off.

We can be preaching. But we are off. We are off. Because we are no more. Like I said Sunday. We are not. Preaching. We can be preaching about Christ.

But our preaching is not. Is not impacting Christ. Off. Preacher man. Preacher woman. You are off. Maybe no one has told you.

[23:52] You are off. You know. When I was a child. We used to see dragons. You know. In. Is it cartoonically. I think one of them.

When they are going to rescue. Rapunzel. And all those. There's a dragon. You know. I think the dragon. Fire. So just like something. So I shake myself. Every time.

Fire comes. Now this time. You are doing. And you don't realize. There's no fire. And you still think fire. And people are just doing. You think there's no fire. You are off. As I run up.

I came with a bed. I am speaking. I am speaking as a man. With a bed. I have an assignment. To unite a kingdom. In our generation. And I knew God sent me.

With this message. To help us. Let's abandon some things. You can't keep the two. Please let the church be church. Paul said. Paul said.

[24:49] Paul and apostle. Separated. Separated. Separate yourself. For God. There shouldn't be references.

In our. With unbelievers. Where. They think that. Whatever you are doing. There's no difference. Between your unbelievers. Apart from the fact. That you go to church. Ah. Your heart's best.

You should make unbelievers. Uncomfortable around you. If unbelievers feel. Comfortable about you. It's likely you are off. Ah. What kind of.

Heat. What kind of. Hub. That. Flies are playing around. Like that. It's not. It's not.

It's not. Listen to what I didn't say. I didn't say start. Telling people. No, no, no. What I mean is. Start. Filling your heart. With Christ more. Don't focus on others.

[25:47] What I will tell people. Ah. Oh no. I'm a Christian. So I can't talk to you. I can't. No, no. I didn't say that. I'm saying that. You can talk to him. But by the time you finish. He goes convicted. Next time.

If he doesn't want to change. He sees you coming. He changes direction. Because. Because there's something in your heart. This Christ in us. Is not skin deep. It's real.

It's in your DNA. Yeah. Like the prophet says. Like fire. Shut up in my womb. The scriptures are quoted. Let's rush to them.

I've read the second. Philippians. Chapter 3. Verse 8. Let's leave the verse 9. Let's look at. John. Chapter 17. Verse 3. And then we're. From there.

We'll look at. Second Peter. Chapter 3. Verse. Oh. Chapter 2. Verse 20. And chapter 3. Verse 18. I have to run up. My preaching was going to start from. Proverbs chapter 2.

[26:42] Verse 1. 2. 3. 4. I was going to show you. It said that. I tend to my words. My son. I tend to my words. But leave the Proverbs chapter 2. And let's go to. John chapter 17.

Verse 3. John 17. Verse 3. And this is. Life. This is Jesus' prayers. Okay. Jesus was praying to the Father. The longest prayer of Jesus ever recorded. This is John chapter 17.

And this is the beginning of the prayer. And this is. Life eternal. That they. His disciples. May know. I know you can't catch it.

That they may know you. The only true God. And Jesus Christ. Whom you are. That they may know you. This is life eternal. This life eternal.

And I want to just submit to you. My brothers and sisters. That there is a direct correlation. Between knowing God's word. Healthsomely. True words. And knowing Jesus.

[27:42] So you are saying. I want to know Jesus. You are not listening to messages. You are not reading your Bible. Why would I try to live on milk. When I can eat pounded young. All I am trying to say is.

In spite of all that you are looking for in church. Look to grow in your knowledge of Jesus. And growing in your knowledge of God. That is determinative. It is fundamental.

That is what determines how. The kind of quality Christian you are. It is not how much you are serving in church. For you can be serving. And you are the first to be in church. And last to leave the church.

But you are not growing in Christ. You are not a quality Christian. The world thinks you are quality Christian. Your family thinks. That's why you are always church. Church. Church. But heaven knows that you are not solid.

You are paper tiger. Paper weight. But the truth is. The truth is. If you don't grow. In the knowledge. I am not talking about just theology.

[28:42] This thing must enter you. This thing. You must have an appetite. Through studying. Through reading. And through preaching. And you are discovering.

Learn more. Jesus said. Learn of me. If this doesn't happen to you. Satan will blow you out. And you the tiny Peter. Will become a tiny Judas. Tiny Judas.

For life. TJ. TJ. But you understand what I am saying. When the enemy wants to hit us. When he is looking for internal people.

You. Once upon a time. Your heart was genuine. What happened. Because the word was. The word contented it. You didn't allow it to grow. You didn't allow it to grow.

You want everything. But God's word. This evening. I came to share my heart with somebody. I am not special.

[29 : 39] I just want us to grow as a family. Of people full of the word. Not full of ourselves. Full of the word. We are knowing Christ more. We are growing.

That's why we carry our Bibles. I want us to pray this. This two minute prayer. We are not singing.

I need you to pray this prayer. God. Where I have gone with. Where I have prioritized other things. Before you forgive me.

Where my heart has, been diverted from you. Because of my personal interest. All different things. My feelings. My experiences. My drive.

My hunger. My expectations in life. My ambition. You want to pray. That God. Where I have. Turned my focus.

[30 : 34] Away from you. Instead of looking on to Jesus. The utter and the finisher of our faith. Father forgive me. And help me. Back on track. I have made other things. And I have made you too small.

In my eyes. Forgive me. I have made other things. More important. I have focused. On pursuing. Other things. Above you. Lord forgive me. Please lift up your hands.

And pray that prayer. Ask God. Wherever. You know. If you don't have anything to talk about. Then begin to thank God. But. Ask God. To forgive you. Where you have made him smaller.

Where you have focused on other things. And it's. You've gone off. You can tell from today. As the word of God has come. You can tell. Father I've gone off. I've been off. I've been off. Duty.

With you. For so long. Father forgive me. Forgive me. And help me. And help me. Help me. Forgive me. Father. Forgive me. Help me back on track.

[31:29] Help me back on track. Forgive me. Forgive me. Forgive me. Forgive me. Forgive me. It's all.

You are all I need. You are all I ever needed. Forgive me. Forgive me. For allowing different things. To cloud my judgment. Forgive me.

Forgive me. Father. Forgive me. For going so far away. From walking with you. The way I've always done. Forgive me. For going so far. For being so distracted.

For. For. For. For. For. For. Going off track. With you. For detouring. Even that. That little. Forgive me. Lord. Forgive me. Forgive me.

I return to you. I return to you. Restore me. Restore me. To how it used to be.

[32:26] Thank you. In Jesus name. Amen. Thank you for listening to this message by David Entry. To hear more from David Entry.

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