

Study and Know Your Bible

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➤ Intro:

- **Col. 3:16; Phil. 2:16; Rom. 10:17** we must know God's word to be saved, go to heaven
- **lesson targeted for young people** but profitable for all

➤ 4 - reminder of lesson #1: Remember Your Creator in the Days of Your Youth

➤ 2 - reminder of lesson #2: Glorify God in Your Body

➤ What would it be like if man didn't have the Bible. . . .

- wouldn't know who was responsible for our existence — not know who to worship as our creator
- wouldn't know who God is
 - **illus.: Athenians**, worshiped the unknown God, didn't know about Jehovah till Paul preached
- wouldn't know about God's love — send Jesus to preach and sacrifice Himself
- wouldn't know about Jesus — that He died on the cross for you — what He's doing for you now
 - not know about His life, what He preached, what He did for you
 - not appreciate and respect Him as your Lord and God
- wouldn't know about salvation — how to be saved — not want to be saved
- wouldn't know the law of Christ — not know about salvation, serving God
- wouldn't know about the church that Jesus purchased with His blood
- wouldn't know about judgment — big surprise - imagine being there and not know about it
- **application: you would live a few years and die**, lost in sin, spend eternity in hell, no hope

➤ If you don't study and know your Bible. . . .

- **illus.:** rf. above - you **don't** know. . . .
 - **You will live a few years and die**, lost in sin, spend eternity in hell, no hope
 - **Is that what you want?**
 - **Only one way to change the place you would be headed — study and know your Bible - obey**
 - **What is keeping you from taking personal responsibility. . . .**
 - **old enough** to drive a car, kill people in war, vote

➤ - **Hos. 4:1, 6** God has a case against you

- **destroyed for a lack of knowledge, you reject knowledge**
- **illus.:** **David and Israel moving ark, Uzzah** destroyed, lack of knowledge and therefore disobedience

➤ - **Hos. 6:6-7** God desires knowledge rather than mindless worship - like Adam, transgress

- **sit in church lifetime, lost for eternity, no knowledge of God — not worship in spirit (Jn. 4:24)**

➤ - **Rom. 10:1-3** zeal, not according to knowledge, lost — sought to establish own righteousness, not God's

- **illus.:** **Jews crucified Jesus** while zealous for God, but sinned, not obey, lost
- **illus.:** **Paul persecuted Christians**, zealous for God, in all good conscious, sinned, not obey, lost
- **zeal, without worship and service in truth (Jn. 4:24), vain, lost — illus.:** **this church**

➤ - **2 Th. 1:8-10** punished, not know God, not obey gospel, not believe

- **if not study and know God's word, can't believe and obey, lost**

- **With knowledge of God's word, you. . . .**
 - **Jer. 31:31-34** you are a Christian
 - **Christians know God and His word, obey — defining characteristic**
- - **Col. 1:9-11** you will be filled with knowledge of His will - spiritual wisdom and understanding
 - **vs. 10** walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, please Him, bear fruit in every good work — **do right things**
 - **vs. 11** strengthened with all power, attain to all steadfastness and patience — **strong, endure all things**
- - **2 Pet. 1:2-4, 11** you have an entrance into Christ's kingdom will be abundantly supplied to you
 - **vs. 2-4** grace and peace multiplied in the knowledge of God, granted all things pertaining to life and godliness, promises — **salvation, heaven**
 - **vs. 5-8** rf. 8 graces diligently put to work in our lives
 - **vs. 11** entrance into the eternal kingdom of Jesus will be abundantly supplied to you
 - **illus.: cf. Jesus, broad and easy way v. narrow and difficult way** - narrow ways opens up to Christians
- **Do you have the correct attitude, to study and know God's word - receive knowledge?**
 - **Pr. 2:3-6** have a heart that longs and searches for knowledge
 - **illus.: parable of man who finds treasure in field**, sell all to buy the field
- - **Pr. 8:10-11** value knowledge of God more than material possessions
 - **illus.: if could have one wish**, anything (car, house, money, prestige), knowledge of God and His word
- - **Pr. 12:1** love knowledge and the discipline that results
 - **illus.: sometimes people don't want to know the truth**, because of the result - it convicts us
- - **1 Cor. 8:1; 13:4** not arrogant but loving toward others
 - **illus.: knowledge is the power to build up or destroy — why do you want it, how do you use it**
- **Summary / Inv.**
 - What would it be like if man didn't have the Bible? — **here today, hell tomorrow**
 - What is it like if you don't study and know your Bible? — **here today, hell tomorrow**
 - It all comes down to studying and knowing your Bible — **apply to your life, obey, serve God**
 - **Can you do better? What can you do, to become a better student of God's word — put in practice?**
 - **Inv.:** do you know God will, are you willing to obey