

## **THINGS WE WISH WE KNEW AND THINGS WE SHOULD KNOW**

As humans, we are very inquisitive and we like to know things. We like to have all the answers in nice little package, but unfortunately there are many things we do not know especial when it comes to Bible.

**Deut. 29:29; Rom 11:33**

Does anybody have any examples of some things that Bible does not reveal, that you would like to know, but will not know unless God tells when we get to heaven.

There are some things that God simply has not revealed to us because we do not need to know everything, but one thing we can know is that God has revealed to us everything that we need to know to live our lives in such away to be pleasing to Him and to have a home in heaven.

**2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3; 1 Jn. 5:13**

What does **Jn. 20:31** teach us? Can you imagine how many books it would take if everything we wanted to know was written down? There would be so much information to sift through that we would be overwhelmed with information. Many do good just to deal with the information we have in our Bible right now. Let us leave the unsearchable things to God and do our best to learn and live our lives by what He has revealed to us through His Word.

### **THE NEED TO KNOW**

God did not give us His Word for us to put in a pretty cover to look good on our table or our bookshelf. No, He gave us His Word for us to learn from it and to diligently study it. Let examine a few Scriptures that go along with this topic and discuss them.

**2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 2:1-2; 2 Pet. 3:18**

What happens if we do not grow?

**Hosea 4:6-12; Heb. 2:1-3; 5:12-14**

Is having a zeal for God enough?

**Rom. 10:1-3**

Is doing things in the name of God enough?

**Mt. 7:21-23**

Notice the condition of the people during Isaiah's time:

**Isa. 1:1-8**

Without learning, we will be no different than the Gentiles during the first century:

**Eph. 4:17-19**

As Christians, let us not be found ignorant of God's Word because as we have already seen ignorance leads to sin, which will separate us from God. A common saying is that knowledge is power, well there is no other knowledge more powerful than what can be found in God's Word:

**Rom. 1:16; Heb. 4:12**

Not only does the Word of God teach us about salvation and how to get to heaven, it teaches us how to teach others and to respond to questions or accusations.

**1 Pet. 3:15; Col. 4:6; Jam. 1:19**

When we make God's Word part of our daily life it will also cause us to be encouraged and give us the confidence to push on:

**1 Cor. 15:58**

These words came from a man who went through a lot for the cause of Christ **2 Cor. 11:23-28**. Yet he kept his confidence in God **2 Tim. 4:7-8**. So can we.

When we study God's Word, we also learn how we should behave ourselves whether we are assembled with the saints or out in the world.

**2 Tim. 3:15**

Of course, this is not referring to the structure we meet in, but it talking about us because we are the house of God. Since we represent Christ, we must also conduct ourselves in a Christ-like manner while in the world.

**1 Tim. 4:12**

Those who were good examples in the first century were commended for their behavior.

**Phil. 2:19-23, 25-30; 2 Cor. 9:1-2**

Whether we are around our brethren, friends, coworkers, or enemies we must learn to live our lives based on what God Word says.