

## Know Ye Not?

- In the KJV there are 14 verses that contain the exact phrase “*know ye not*”. There are other passages that also ask this rhetorical question but in different wording (*1 Cor 6:2*). We will only deal here with the 14 for the sake of time.

**Mar 4:10** And when He was alone, **they that were** about Him **with the twelve** asked of Him the parable (*Gk.3850- a similitude, that is, fictitious narrative [of common life conveying a moral]*).

**Mar 4:11** And He said unto them, **Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without** (*outside the kingdom*), all *these* things are done in parables: **12** That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and *their* sins should be forgiven them. **13** And He said unto them, *(1)* **Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?**

- After giving the narrative of the soils, there were those who were of His chosen twelve disciples, but not all, who asked Jesus what the meaning of the parable was. Before explaining its meaning to them He asked the rhetorical question “**know ye not?**” but was really stating “**you should already know**” what the meaning is but if they didn’t, how were they to understand any other parable. Likewise, there are certain passages throughout the Bible that should be taken as understood to even the “infant” Christian among us. As we go through the rest of these “*know ye not*” passages, ask yourself if you already knew the meaning of each verse. If not, those verses would be a good place to start in your study of the Bible.

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**Rom 6:16** *(2)* **Know ye not**, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

- The choice is yours. “You should know” that if you continue sinning you’ll be separated from God in eternity or if you comply to His will you’ll enjoy the eternal bliss of Heaven.

**Luk 16:13** **No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon** (*Gk.3126- wealth*).

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**Rom 7:1** *(3)* **Know ye not**, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

- Paul, here speaking to the Jewish Christians at Rome, in reminding them of how the Mosaic law held sway “*until death did they part*”. In verse 2 he begins an explanation of how that worked and because of their understanding of the particular laws concerning marriage, he tells them that **they should know** the only thing that would free them from it was death. As the widow became free to marry another so the Jews were free to serve Christ.

Rom 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become **dead to the law** by the body of Christ; that ye should be **married to another**, *even* to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

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**1Co 3:16** (4)**Know ye not** that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (*Paul was speaking to the whole congregation in general. In 1 Cor 6 we will deal with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the individual member.*)

- “Even among the pagans one of the worst possible crimes was destroying a sacred structure like a temple. Given this general principle, Paul told the Corinthians the church is God’s temple. Since the church (*Gk.1577- a calling out, religious congregation*) (the people, not a building) is holy, we are obligated to respect, honor, and carefully treat every church member.”

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Zec 6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man Whose name *is* The BRANCH; and He shall grow up out of His place, and He shall build **the temple** of the LORD (*the church*): **13** Even He shall build the temple of the LORD; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne; and He shall be a \*priest upon His throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

\*Heb 5:10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Mat 16:18 **And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell (Hades) shall not prevail against it.**

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; **20** And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets (*2 Pet 1:21 ...holy men of God...moved by the Holy Ghost.*), Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner *stone*; **21** In Whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an **holy temple** in the Lord: **22** In Whom ye also are builded together for **an habitation of God through the Spirit.**

Mat 18:20 **For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.**

**You should know** that as the church of Christ, God dwells in you via His Spirit!

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**1Co 5:6** Your glorying *is* not good. (5)**Know ye not** that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? **7** Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Mat 13:33 Another parable spake He unto them; **The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.**

- Bread without leaven (*yeast*) won’t rise (*like what we use in communion*). Adding leaven to a lump of dough has an effect on the whole loaf making it rise. After boasting over “such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles” Paul reminds

them of the “unleavened” nature of the body of **Christ** and then rebukes them by telling them they **should have known better**.

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**1Co 6:1** Dare any of you (*don't any of you dare!*), having a matter against another, (*don't dare*) go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? **2 Do ye not know** (*asking this in a way to teach them something they might not have known*) that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? **3 (6)Know ye not** that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

- After chiding the ignorance of certain brethren at **Corinth** for taking legal matters before the **Pagan** courts he reminds them of how their behavior is what will judge (*in comparison*) that of the fallen angels in the end. Have you ever been treated differently by others after trying to get you to go along in some sin that you refused? Your refusal and your actions “*judged*” them. **Paul** was telling the church at **Corinth** that they **should have known** that their poor conduct in front of the unbelievers would bring reproach on the church. It would have been better if they would have just taken a loss (*v.7*).

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**1Co 6:9 (7)Know ye not** that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, **10** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

- After **Paul** reminds them of things they seemed to forget he re-warns them with a list, albeit not a complete one, of other sins that were on a par with taking matters before the heathen for judgment. So going to court against another member of the church would be equivalent to being a thief of a drunk.

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**1Co 6:15 (8)Know ye not** that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make *them* the members of an harlot? God forbid.

**1Co 6:16** What? **(9)know ye not** that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith He, shall be one flesh.

**Gen 2:24** Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

- As each individual member makes up a “*body part*” of **Christ's** body, the church, to be involved in fornication would make **Christ** out to be involved with a harlot. And according to **Gen 2:24**, sexual relations are only permitted between husband and wife.

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**Jas 4:4** Ye adulterers and adulteresses, **(10)know ye not** that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

- As if it's not enough that **Paul** warns that sexual immorality will separate us from **God**, **Holy Spirit** spoke through **James** too in reminding us of something we **should already have known**.

**1Co 6:19** What? *(11)* **know ye not** that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *Which is in you, Which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

- *“The Spirit dwells in the saved because Christians (1) have devoted their bodies to the Lord (verse 13), (2) are members of Christ’s body (verses 15-17), and (3) share in the one Spirit (verses 15-17). Christians are intimately connected to both Jesus and the Holy Spirit, so it is wrong to be involved with fornication.”*

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**Rom 8:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. **10** And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. **11** But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

- *“Some believe the Spirit’s dwelling is figurative. According to this view the Spirit is not literally inside a Christian’s body. It has been said that if Christians actually possessed the Spirit they would be deity. Since it is impossible to be God, some believe the Spirit’s indwelling is not literal (He dwells in us in the sense that we have His word in our hearts). This explanation is a possibility. A second view understands the passage literally. If the thought is literal, the Holy Spirit is actually “in us.” He does not speak to us, talk to us, give us special directions, or provide special insight and knowledge. He is, however, present in Christians to serve as a “down payment” (Eph 1:13-14).”*

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**Eph 1:13** In Whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in Whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, **14** Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.

- In this situation **Paul** is saying to the **Corinthian church** that because of their dabbling in fornication they **should have known** that doing such defiled their personal bodies which belonged to **God** and because of the **Spirit’s** presence within. This gives us a whole new look at the way we treat our bodies. So: no alcohol, illicit drug use, smoking...

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**1Co 9:24** *(12)* **Know ye not** that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. **25** And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. **26** I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: **27** But I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

- **Paul** understood the concept of the indwelling **Spirit** and thus tried to treat his body in accordance to that. **You know** you don’t run in a race unless you expect to win. As **Christians** we are **to know we have already won** as long as we continue in the faith.

**Col 1:23** If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

1Jn 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name (*Gk.3686-authority*) of the Son of God; **that ye may know** that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name (*authority*) of the Son of God.

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2Co 13:5 Examine (*Gk.3985- to test, that is, scrutinize*) yourselves, whether ye be in the faith(*shows there's always a chance to fall "out of faith"*); prove your own selves. (13)**Know ye not** your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates (*Gk.96-unapproved, that is, rejected; by implication worthless*)?

- **You should know**, according to the above information concerning the indwelling of the **Godhead**, that you are in the faith.

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**Rom 6:3** (14)**Know ye not**, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?

- After explaining in chapter 5 the difference between the old **Mosaic law** and the gift of grace and how the law could not save but grace can, **Paul** stated...

**Rom 5:20** Moreover the **law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:**

This, though, would have given the impression that the more I sin with impunity (*with freedom from punishment*) the more I'm covered. **Paul** emphatically denounced even the thought in 6:2. He explains this in chapter 7.

**Rom 7:13** Was then that which is good (*the Mosaic law*) made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear (*Gk.5316- be seen*) sin, working death in me by that which is good (*the law*); that sin by the commandment (*thou shalt not*) might become (*Gk1096- be showed*) exceeding sinful.

The law was good in that it showed which acts constituted a sinful nature and the extent of the damage they caused to the sinner. And since sin is a violation of **God's law**, sin is what separates us from **Him**. Being baptized into **His Son** is what reunites us to **Him**. This is why **Paul** asked the **Roman Christians** how it was that they could continue in their former sin-filled lifestyle once immersed for the forgiveness of sins. "**You should know** that once you were dead to sin through burial into Christ you took part in His separation of this world. Just as Jesus resurrected from the grave you also are to live a different life, then, from the one you lived before you were converted".

Hear: **Romans 10:17** ..."faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Believe: **Heb 11:6** ..."for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: **Lk 13:3** ..."except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: **Mat 10:32** "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: **Acts 22:16** "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Remain faithful: **Rom 6:4** ..."even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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