

# Knowing God, Abiding in Christ

## The Life Changed by Christ\*

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\*Answering the question, “How is the resurrection of Christ and the fact that He is actually alive today evidenced in the lives of those who follow Him today?” Addressing the hypocrisy of: “What a strange kind of salvation do they desire that care not for holiness... They would be saved by Christ and yet be out of Christ in a fleshly state... They would have their sins forgiven, not that they may walk with God in love, in time to come, but that they may practice their enmity against Him without any fear of punishment.”<sup>1</sup>

### The Issue of Sin in the Believer in Jesus Christ

- 1) That way may *not* sin (1 Jn. 2:1a) vs. confessing sin (1 Jn. 1:9) and the need for an advocate (1 Jn. 2:1b-2) – counterintuitive?
  - Understanding “confession” (agreeing with God)
    - o David’s example (Ps. 51)
    - o The work of the Advocate
    - o The work of the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 12:21-22)
- 2) Keeping His commandments (1 Jn. 2:3-6): salvation vs. “knowing Him”
  - Understanding “know”
    - o Jesus “knows” the Father (John 17)
    - o Jesus prayed His followers would “know” Him in this way (17:3, 21-23)

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<sup>1</sup> Walter Marshal (1692) quoted from A.W. Pink’s book *The Doctrine of Salvation* (1955) in Jerry Bridge’s book *The Pursuit of Holiness* (Colorado Springs: The Navigators, 1996), 34.

- Jesus understood the unifying power of us knowing God (Father & Son) (17:21)
  
- Keep His word (1 John 2:5)
  - John 17:8 – how it worked for the Apostles
  
  - John 17:9, 17 – being changed by the truth
  
  - John 17:21 – the unifying power of it all

**Not for “them,” it’s for me. How well do I know Him? (1 Jn. 2:3)**