

Knowing Jesus: Faith is about a Person, not a Plan
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John Mark Hicks recently shared a quotation from G. C. Brewer (d. 1956) who was a prominent minister, author, and weekly writer in the *Gospel Advocate*. The following is from his *Autobiography* (pp. 92-93).

To put stress upon a “plan” and the specific items and steps of that plan may lead to a wrong conclusion. We are saved by a person, not by a plan; we are saved by a Savior, not by a ceremony. Our faith is in that divine personage—that living Lord—and not in items and steps and ordinances. . . We must trust his grace and rely upon his blood and look for and expect his healing mercy. To trust a plan is to expect to save yourself by your own works. It is to build according to a blueprint; and if you meet the specifications, your building will be approved by the great Inspector! Otherwise, you fail to measure up and you are lost! You could not meet the demands of the law! You could not achieve success!

Why does “Knowing Jesus” matter? Knowing Jesus is an essential step to vibrant faith in a Living Lord, knowing the One who is our Savior. Otherwise, our faith is more in us, our teachings, our church, our ways, our practices, our understandings, our obedience.

Will you join me? Let us together get to know Jesus! Know who he is. Marvel at his miracles. Grip his grace. Live in his love. Share his suffering—share his salvation.