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KNOWING JESUS: WALK AS HE WALKED

1 JOHN 2:2-6

- (2) He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
- (3) And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.
- (4) Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,
- (5) but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:
- (6) whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Verse 3. Notice that the keeping of the commandments is tied to knowing Jesus. Or, how knowing Jesus is connected to keeping his commandments!

Verse 4. It does not matter how much knowledge a person has. If one does not follow through and use that knowledge and keep the commands, that person does not know him. One can know a great deal about him and not know him. There is a big difference. We can read things about someone in the newspaper, read biographies and autobiographies, encyclopedias, and history books; we can pile up an impressive amount of knowledge about somebody. But unless we experience life with a person, we cannot claim to know that person. We only know about them. That is a distinction which focuses the importance of knowing Jesus, not only knowing about Jesus.

Verse 5. More connections are set forth – connections between knowing Jesus, keeping his word, having God’s love made perfect within us, and knowing with certainty that we are in him.

Verse 6. To know Jesus and abide in him means following his example, living as he lived.

These verses say something important about knowing Jesus. They also speak to the fact that some people say they know him when they do not. These verses condemn an un-Christian society. Western civilization today is nominally Christian. Many claim to know Him yet in many areas of life they disobey His commandments.

In war we kill. We dishonor marriage and parenthood. In our greed we covet and steal. In manners and morals, we falsely promise and blaspheme. We worship human success. We secularize the Lord’s Day. We pay lip service to the love of God and man but renounce it in our daily lives.

A commitment to knowing Jesus demands that we establish time in our life to get to know Him. We live in a world where we do not find time to stop and think things through, to plan what we are going to do with our lives, to discipline ourselves to carry it out. We are like a pinball in a game, bounced around from one thing to another with our lives virtually out of control.

When are you going to bring life under control? The message of Scripture says we should be able to control our lives more than we do. When will we say, "No, I will not. This is what I am going to do. This I will not do."— Because “I want to know Jesus, I want to please Him, He is my King, I am part of His Kingdom."