

“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you Through The Knowledge Of God, and of Jesus our Lord.” 2 Peter 1:2no2 KJV

Going through a tunnel is only fully appreciated when arriving at the end of it. I remember being trapped in a snowstorm at Fancy Gap in the Smokey Mountains. It was at night and very poor visibility. We waited for twelve hours for the road to be cleared and it seemed like forever. We had no sooner started traveling again when we came to a long tunnel. Traffic again halted for eight hours. I remember the relief I felt when we came to the end of the tunnel! We had been safe in the tunnel from the storm, but it was dark and monotonous until we left it in the morning light. Many



times while reading God’s Word it has seemed strange and complex with no meaning to my soul from that which claims to be Light and Wisdom. But rather than fretting over what I didn’t understand, I focused on what I did understand, and after reading other passages I came to understand it. God’s Word interprets itself if you follow it. The Peace of God is only available to us THROUGH Faith in our knowledge of His Word. We can only come to that great Peace THROUGH faithful obedience, which by believing and doing we *“prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”* Truth once tested becomes trusted. Trusting God is a lot like going THROUGH a tunnel. You don’t get out of a tunnel by stopping in the middle. We may not be able to see the end from where we are, but we can trust that it is there, because even *“if we believe not, yet He abideth faithful. He cannot deny Himself.”* Have you ever once thought you did not exist? Even when ignored by others we are convinced in ourselves that we are! God’s faithfulness is not dependent on us, but on Himself. *“For when God made promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no greater, He sware by Himself; Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the Heirs of Promise the immutability of His Counsel, confirmed it by an Oath: That by two immutable things (God and Truth), in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the Hope set before us: Which Hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast.”* A tunnel’s purpose is to take us THROUGH the mountain safely.

Through knowledge of God’s Holy Word,
We find the Peace of Christ our Lord,
Assuring us by faith and Love,
That we are born from up above! –CGP

We cannot go through life’s mountains safely without following God’s Word. It guides us to a safe conclusion. God Himself is the Light at the end of His Word!

“Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.” Philippians 3:8 KJV