

*"And Hereby We Do Know That We Know Him, IF we keep (guard, treasure, obey) His Commandments (Word). He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him." 1 John 2:3-4 KJV*



The desire to obey God's Word, regardless of circumstance, is the litmus test of the true believer. They may not be perfect, but their love of God will burn so intense, it will compel them to obey! Paul wrote, *"The Love of Christ constraineth (binds) me."* John wrote, *"We love Him, because He FIRST Loved us."* Love compels the impossible! God, who cannot lie or die, determined a way to Suffer my death penalty, for my debt, and save me from my just sentence, because of His Love for me. *"God commended His Love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!"* Sin will shame and plague the heart of the true believer until they forsake it and return to their Savior, confessing their guilt and sin to the Lover of their soul! Unbelievers find God's Word irritating and bothersome, because they do not love God. They constantly strive to rationalize sin by looking for a believer's sin to justify themselves in their own eyes. True believers measure themselves by God's approval and His Word. *"For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves."* They *"study to show [themselves] approved unto God, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."* Rightly dividing means they apply it first to their own sin. All men are guilty before God. *"He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God. For ALL HAVE SINNED and come short of the Glory of God."* If you have no desire to know God better today than you did yesterday and have no remorse or cognizance of sin, then you do not know God. Worse than that, He does not know you. *"My Sheep hear My Voice, and I Know them, and they follow Me."* Everyone knows God, but does He Know you? God Knew His Own from before the dawn of time! *"For whom He did Foreknow, He also did Predestinate to be conformed to the Image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brethren. Who hath Saved us, and Called us with an Holy Calling, not according to our works, but according to His Own Purpose and Grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."* The last thing unbelievers will hear from God's lips will be, *"I never Knew you: depart from me!"* As they writhe in eternal torment of their own choosing, God's Voice will echo in their memory, *"I NEVER KNEW YOU!"* What weeping and wailing there will be from those who foolishly thought their own filthy rags of righteousness would stand before the Throne of a thrice Holy God!

The ones who keep God's Law below,  
The KING of Heaven truly Knows,  
Those who don't are naught but liars,  
And will forever know Hell's fire! –CGP

No one will be able to excuse himself before God. *"Because, that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath Showed it unto them...so that they are without excuse."* Those unfamiliar with Truth will follow that which *"seemeth right"* to the very doors of Perdition. Ignorance is no excuse, because *"the heavens declare the glory of God. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. For the LORD is good; His Mercy is everlasting; and His Truth endureth to ALL generations."* Every soul in hell could have escaped it! Are you obeying God out of love? Does He know you? Do you believe and keep His Word?

*"But the fearful, and UNBELIEVING, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and ALL LIARS, shall have their part in the Lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the Second Death." Revelation 21:8 KJV*

