

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, Having This Seal, 'The Lord knoweth them that are His.' And, 'Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.'" 2 Timothy 2:19 KJV



Seals were used to confirm to the receiver of written messages two things; the identity of the sender and the security of the message. God is His own seal and message which He delivers, Himself, to the hearts of those who receive Him! God knows you! Even unbelievers are known by God that they are NOT HIS! The question is not, "Do you know Christ as Saviour?" The question is, "Does Christ know you as HIS OWN?" How can we KNOW? *"And hereby we do KNOW that we KNOW Him, if we keep (obey) His Commandments. He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him."* We KNOW by whether or not we hear the Voice of God in our thoughts. "Impossible!" you say? No! Jesus Christ, God, the Word made flesh, said, *"My sheep KNOW MY VOICE AND they follow (obey) me."* How do we KNOW His Voice? By keeping God's Word hid in our thoughts so when He whispers to us we know that it is Him, because His Voice is verified by His own Word! If you do not KNOW God's Word for yourself, because you studied it, you will never hear the Voice of God except when you hear Him say from the Great White Throne at your final Judgement, *"DEPART FROM ME I NEVER KNEW YOU!"* If you call yourself a "Christian," and continue to indulge your lusts, you do not belong to Christ! True believers know sin displeases the One they love and they strive to avoid it. God's Word says, *"For whatsoever is not of faith is sin. As he thinketh in his heart (mind), so is he."* What do you think? Thinking ABOUT God is not the same as KNOWING God by His Word in your thoughts! You might say, "You're judging!" No, God's Word is doing the judging. I'm just quoting it. You judge people all the time. Is everyone your close friend or do you choose your close friends? How do you choose them? Why do you choose them? Who do you "judge" to be worthy of close friendship? Iniquity is any thing that is not born of faith. Asking God to bless your food and thanking Him for it is a practice many have forsaken. Requesting guidance for everyday decisions is a lost art. Do I ask for safety to and from work? Do I pray daily for the health and protection of my loved ones? Have I asked God to supply my need today? *"Give us this day our DAILY bread."* We have not, because we ask not. A step AWAY from sin is a step TOWARDS God. I prove my faith by my obedience to His Word. Obedience keeps me from sin. *"Ye CANNOT serve God and mammon!"* You can't go east if traveling west. If you do what you want, you are your own servant. *"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"* Who's your master?

Sin will keep me from the Way,
Sin will cause my feet to stray,
If I beside my Lord do stay,
He will guide my steps each day. –CGP

Here's a promise of God if you sin: *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* We confess our acts to be sinful by stopping and turning through obedience back towards God. Trusting obedience will keep us free of sin.

"And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep (obey) His commandments (His Word). He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His commandments, IS A LIAR, and the Truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily is the Love of God perfected: hereby (by our obedience) know we that we are in Him." 1 John 2:3-5 KJV