



Bird's Eye View

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Chapter 1: What is the Purpose of our Faith? 3

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Key Truth: Revelation by the Spirit is the ONLY WAY to knowing God and receiving the love of God in you.

Key Scripture: *Luke 10:22, Matthew 11:27, Galatians 1:11-16, 2 Corinthians 5:14, Luke 11:8-10*

It is through the true knowing of God that we receive the love of the Father in our hearts, and it is this, that establishes God as our first love. God has become our first, our beginning, just like the scriptures declare, "In the beginning was the Word". Not one single person starts their life with having God as their beginning and the sad thing is, that many still never discover God as there beginning.

The reason for this, is because we approach coming to know God and the receiving of His love for us, through the completely wrong way or operating system. We approach God through human learning and the acquiring of informational knowledge of the scriptures through the intellect. This is the way of the demonic, the kingdom of darkness.

John 5:39-40 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.

When we seek the scriptures for our knowledge of God and the receiving of the love of God, as our first placed Way, we will always fall short and be void of the life He has for us.

Revelation by the Spirit is the ONLY WAY to knowing God and the receiving of the love of God. Man is incapable of knowing God and receiving deep within Him the love of God, without the Spirit's power circumcising man's heart. Humanity is completely powerless to know God without the divine empowerment of God's grace continuously operating in our lives.

Being raised with Christianity and being raised in Christ, are not from the same kind. Although they sound similar, in operation, they couldn't be any further apart from one another. This is what confuses us, because we think they are one and the same thing, but only one has the power to change you.

Being raised in Christ is receiving the knowledge of God through divine revelation, but being raised in Christianity is receiving the knowledge of God through human learning. One has you living a form of godliness, denying the power of God, while the other has you living a life of godliness because of the power of God.

All revelation must take place within us (hearts first and minds second), knowing while at the very same time this can occur simultaneously as one work of the Spirit.

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On the revelation of Jesus Christ He builds His church and the gates of Hades do not over power it.

Questions:

1. What is the absolute truth this resource is declaring?
2. Do you believe in this absolute truth? Why or why not?
3. How destructive is attempting to come to know God through human learning to our spiritual fellowship with God firstly and others secondly?
4. Saul/Paul is the perfect example of someone attempting to know God through human learning and someone coming to



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know God through revelation. Compare the two stages of Paul's life (Knowing God through human learning - Saul and Knowing God through Revelation - Paul) share with the group the differences you see in this man's life.

Action point: What are you being made aware of through this resource and is there one thing you need to put in place after going through this resource?