



KNOW GOD. MAKE HIM KNOWN. THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

Romans 1:18-25; Psalm 14

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Good morning church! I was encouraged this week by a church member's text that read: "The sense of having done something irreversible tends to make us despair. We say, 'Well, it's all over and ruined now; what's the point in trying anymore.'" If we think this kind of despair is an exception, we are mistaken. It is a very ordinary human experience. That opportunity is lost forever and you can't change that. But get up, and let's go on to the next thing.' In other words, let the past sleep, but let it sleep in the sweet embrace of Christ, and let us go on into the invincible future with Him." I also spent time talking to one of my friends, Rob Harston, and verse 6 of Romans 1 popped up in my head. People long for a sense of "belonging" and tend to base it on feelings, failures, successes, and comfort. Yet, Paul, being passionate toward people, loved the Gospel of God even more. We understand the author of His salvation, that is expressed in His calling.

- Let your "belonging" be defined by your calling.

Are you called to this church? Are called to the ministry? Are called to love your wife/husband? Are you called to be a pure & godly woman or man who has Christ-like character? Be confident in your calling that helps you press on in forward motion. God is working hard on you, in you and through you! Satan is working hard around you, because he can't touch you if you belong to GOD.

READ, Romans 1:18-25

The existence of God is marvelous to look, but we must start our way of thinking with truth that the Doctrine of GOD is the CENTRAL controlling factor in ALL Theology.

- **God's SOVEREIGNTY is ABSOLUTE, meaning that Christ's power and authority in our lives are not limited or controlled by us, nor is a reaction toward us.**

How do we know that God exists?

1. ALL People Have An INNER SENSE of God.

We must utilize the evidence given in Scripture and in the world around us.

2. We Believe the EVIDENCE in SCRIPTURE and NATURE.

What I means by this, is people from all walks of life have a deep, inner sense that God exists, realizing they are his creatures, and that He is their Creator. It is man himself created in the image of God, who most abundantly bears witness to the existence of God.

"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; what is man that You take thought of him, and the son of man that You care for him?" Psalm 8:3-4

READ, Psalm 14

- The HEART Issue of Denial (v 1)

Sin leads people to think irrationally and to deny God's existence or who has been deceived who will say, "There is no God."

- SIN will cause people to DENY their knowledge of God. (v 2-3) ref. Romans 1:18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 32

*"The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ" **2 Corinthians 4:4***

"Since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe"

1 Corinthians 1:21

- A RELATIONSHIP Changes The HEART.
- Only GOD Can Overcome Our Sin and Enable Us to Be PERSUADED of His Existence (v 5-7)

We begin to know God as our loving Father (Rom. 8:15)

The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirits that we are children of God (Rom. 8:16)

We come to know Jesus Christ living within our hearts (Eph. 3:17; Phil. 3:8; John 14:23)

The intensity of this awareness for a Christian is such that though we have not seen our Lord Jesus Christ, we indeed love him (1 Peter 1:8).

"That your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God"

1 Corinthians 2:5

We are dependent upon God to remove the blindness and irrationality caused by sin and to enable us to evaluate the evidence rightly, believe what Scripture says, and come to saving faith in Christ.