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WHY do We need to In Him?

Colossians 2:6-7 (KJV)

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

What are the ELEMENTARY Principles?

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"Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God."

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Psalm 89:14 (KJV)

"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth go before your face.."

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Ephesians 4:11-12 (KJV)

"And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ:"

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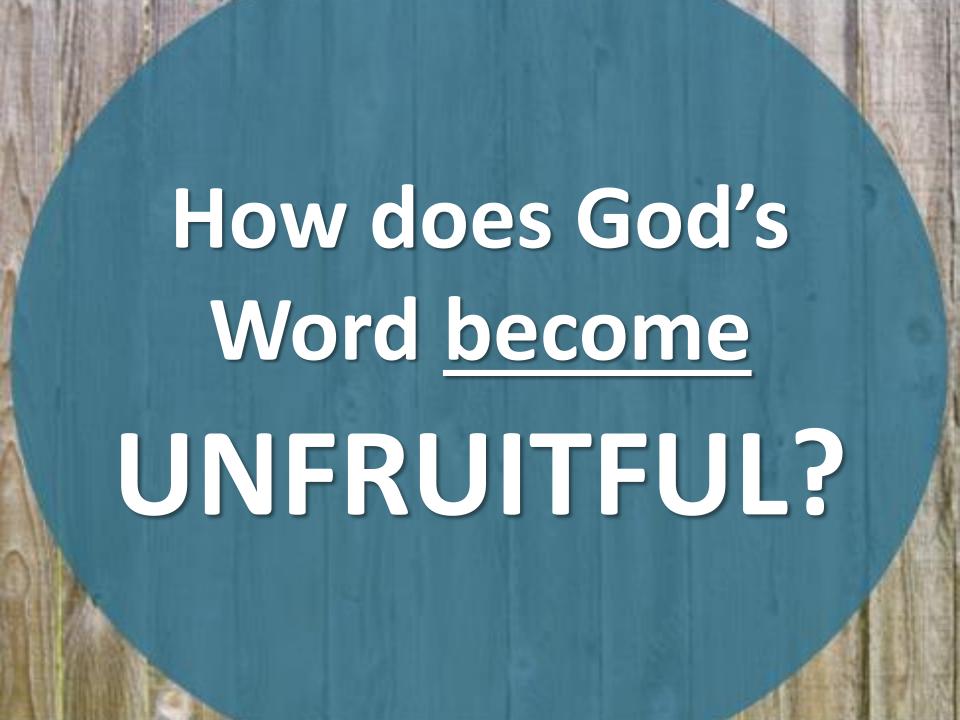
"Til we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:"

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"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;"

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"But speaking the Truth in love, may grow up in Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:"



How does God's Word become INEFFECTIVE?

Mark 4:18-19 (NKJV)

"And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the Word, and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts for other things entering in, choke the Word, and it becometh unfruitful."

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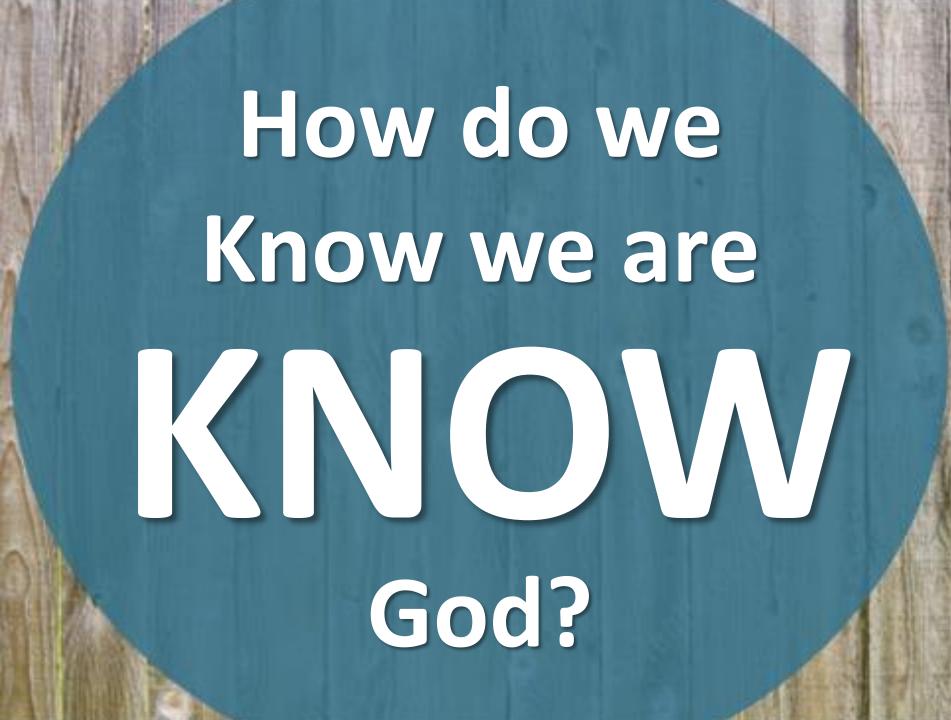
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Ephesians 4:16 (NKJV)

"From Whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase in the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

How do we Know we are Of God?



1 John 4:7-8 (KJV)

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

2 John 5 (NKJV)

"I plead with you...not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another,"

2 John 6 (NKJV)

"This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it."

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What is our Greatest

WITNESS

To the world?

John 13:34-35 (NKJV)

"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this the world will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

John 17:21 (NKJV)

"That they all may be one, as You, Father are in Me, and I in You, that they may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You have sent Me."



Why are we BLESSED?

Genesis 1:28 (NKJV)

"Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it...'"

Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen."

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Why are people ALIENATED From the Life of God?

Ephesians 4:17 (NKJV)

"This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk in the futility of their mind,"

Ephesians 4:18 (NKJV)

"having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;"

Psalm 32:9 (NKJV)

"Do not be like a horse or a mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you."

Proverbs 4:7 (NKJV)

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding."

Titus 2:11-12 (NKJV)

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age."

2 Corinthians 3:14 (NKJV)

"But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same <u>veil</u> remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the <u>veil</u> is taken away in Christ."

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NKJV)

"but even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, Who is the image of God, should shine on them."

Romans 8:6 (NKJV)

"For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."



Ephesians 4:20-22 (NKJV)

"But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have been taught by Him, as the Truth is in Jesus: That ye put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man, which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;"

Ephesians 4:23-24 (NKJV)

"and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God in true righteousness and holiness."

John 8:31-32 (NKJV)

"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, 'If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.'"

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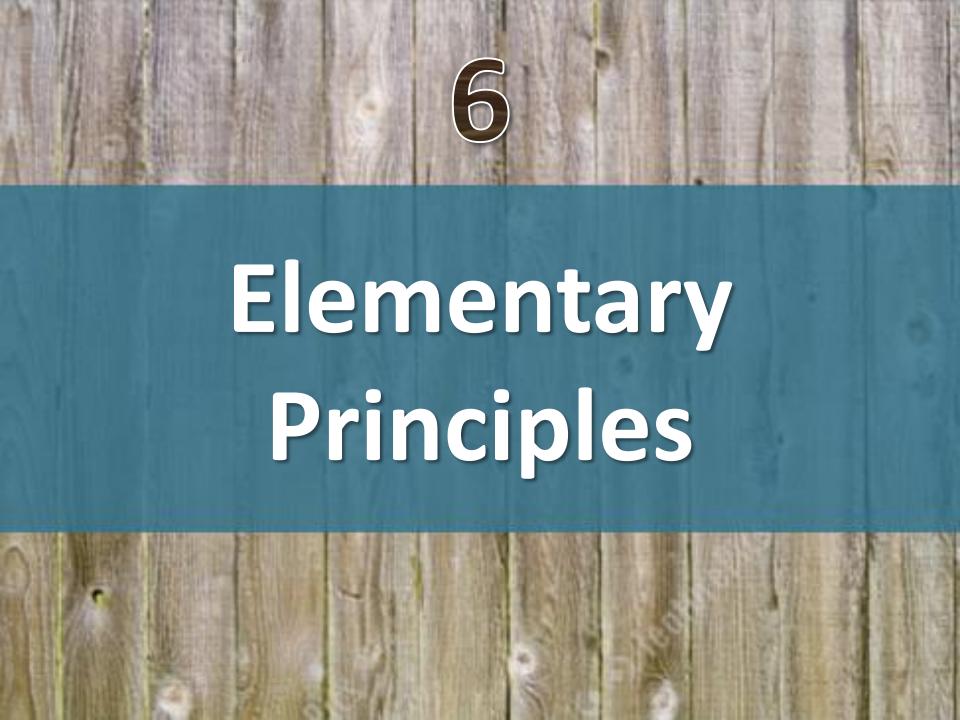
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2 Timothy 2:2 (NKJV)

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."



The Testimony Of Scripture

