

Do You Know God?

Are You Confident of Your Relationship With God?

Are You Confident That You Are Going To Heaven?



We live in a very uncertain world!

- ◆ Economic turmoil –
- ♦ Natural Disasters –
- ◆ Our own health and the health of those we love -
- ★ The uncertainty of life itself -

James 4:13-16



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Ecclesiastes 1:13-14 (NKJV)

13 And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised. 14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

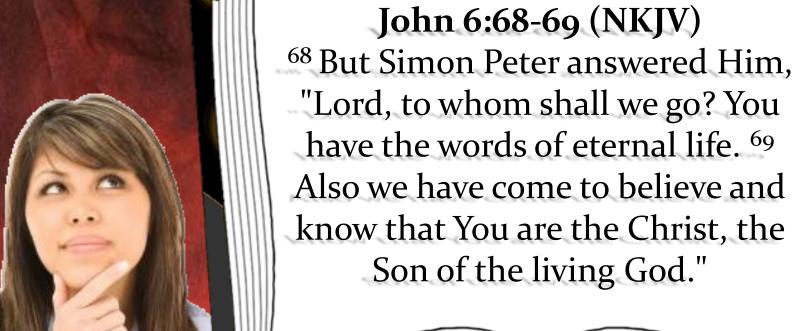
Some Things We Do Know

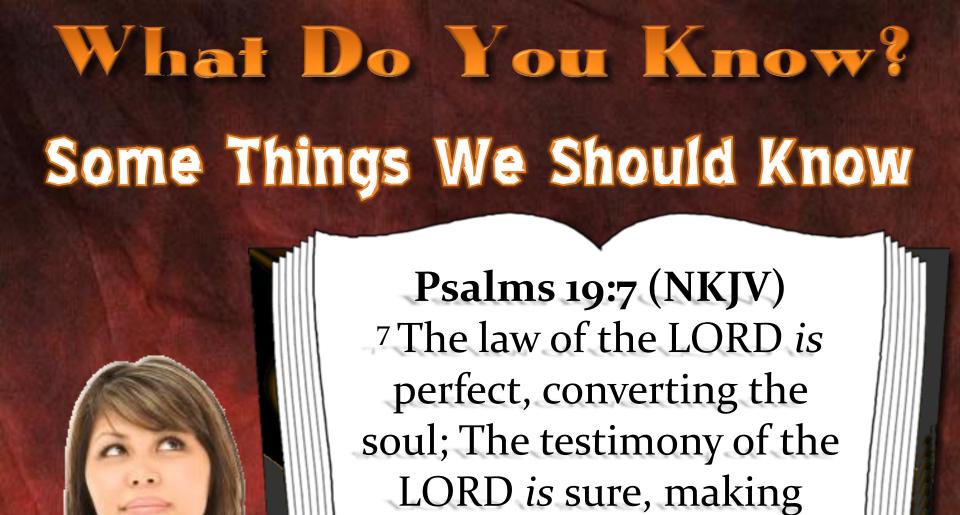


- ◆ That something cannot come from nothing –
- ★ That every effect must have an adequate cause –
- That all things material are in a state of entropy –
- Good health and life on earth will end for everyone -

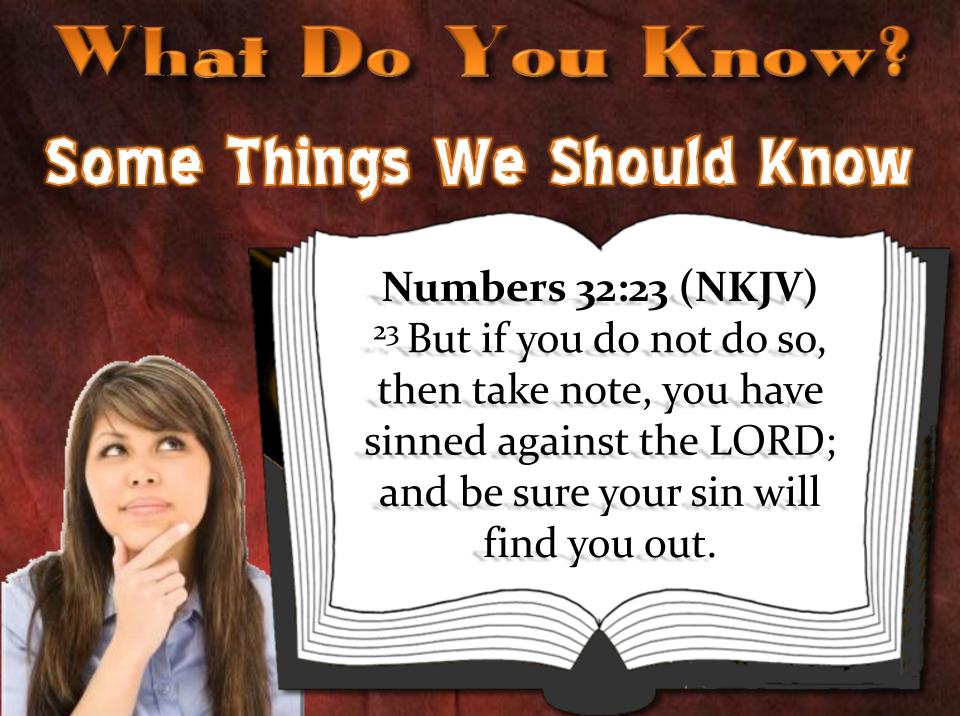






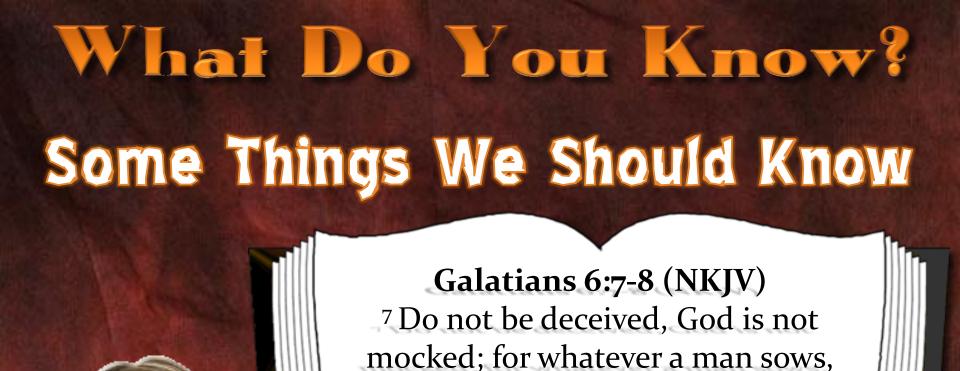


wise the simple;





² But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. ³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?



that he will also reap.

⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of

the flesh reap corruption, but he

who sows to the Spirit will of the

Spirit reap everlasting life.









- ◆ First John is written as a response to some of the errors of Gnosticism –
- ◆ John emphasizes that there are indeed things that we as Christians can know -
- ◆ The word "know" appears39 times in this epistle –



That We Know God

- ★ If we keep His commandments -1 John 2:3-5;
- ✦ He who keeps His commandments abides in God and He in him – 1 John 3:24
- ★ Those who know God hears the apostles 1 John 4:6
- ♦ We can know that we have been begotten of God 5:1-4



That We Have Passed From Death To Life

- "Because we love the brethren" -1 John 3:14
- ◆ If we do not love our brethren, we know that we will not have eternal life – 1 John 3:14,15;
- ◆ We can know what love is (the example of Jesus; When we help others) 1 John 3:16-18



That God Hears Our Prayers

- → Because we keep His commandments - 1 John 3:22
- ◆ Confidence when we ask for anything according to God's will
 1 John 5:14; Mat 7:7-11; Eph. 3:12
- ◆ We have the petitions we ask of Him – 1 John 5:15; John 15:7



Those Born of God Do Not Sin

- ♦ Walks in the light 1 John 1:5-10
- → Purifies himself just as he is pure - 1 John 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:22
- ♦ Whoever abides in Him does not sin – 1 John 3:4-9
- ◆ Whoever practices unrighteousness is not of God – 1 John 3:10-12; Rom. 6:3-19



That We Have Eternal Life

- ◆ One of the purposes of John's epistle 1 John 5:11-13, 20
- ♦ We shall be like Jesus and seeHim as He is 1 John 3:2
- ◆ We know that we are of the truth and our hearts are assured before Him - 1 John 3:19

The Condition of Our Relationship With God

Three Tests

- ★ Belief in Jesus 1 John 5:1,4; Heb. 11:6; John 8:24
- **Love** − 1 John 2:10; 3:10,14; 4:7,8; John 13:34,35; 5:1,2
- **◆ Obedience** 1 John 1:6,7; 2:3,4,6; 3:10,22; 5:2,3

1 John 5:18-20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. ¹⁹ We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway of* the wicked one. ²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.



Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God?

Have you confessed Jesus before men?

Have you turned from sin?

Have you been baptized into Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins?

Are you continuing to believe in the name of Jesus, loving God and His children, obeying His commandments?

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