5 THINGS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW HAS ANYONE EVER TOLD YOU?

"I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, ..."

~ 1 Thessalonians 4:13

Christians already Know... (else you are not one)

<u>Our Lord Jesus Christ is God and Saviour</u> – Col 2:3, 2:9, Titus 2:13, John 5:23 <u>Gospel of the Grace of God</u> is nothing you do, but Christ did everything

1. How to Grow - How to Study the Bible

- a. How you hear God's voice, God speaking to you, the words of God, the word of truth
- b. The Bible is not all written to or about you 2 Tim 2:15, Jam 1:1, 1 Pet 2:9-10, Rev 20:6
- c. All scripture is profitable, infallible, necessary for good works 2 Tim 3:16-17
- d. There are three applications: historical (literal), spiritual(moral), doctrinal(dispensational)

2. What God Wants You to Do - God's Will for You

- a. What Christ wants from you is laid out in scripture Eph 5:17, Eph 1:9-10
- b. Quiet and peaceable life with salvation and truth 1 Tim 2:4
- c. To make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery Eph 3:8-10
- d. Your sanctification, avoiding fornication, possess your vessel 1 Thess 4:3
- e. Rejoice, pray, give thanks 1 Thess 5:16-18

3. How to Live - How to Walk in the Spirit

- a. Aka... crucified life (Rom 6, Gal 2), resurrected life, spiritual life, walking by faith (2 Cor), walking by grace (, worthy walk (Eph, Col, 1Th), walking after the Spirit (Rom 8, Gal)
- b. To be who you are in Christ, your position, identity, duty, equipment.
- c. To know love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentle, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance
- d. To think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, virtue, praise
- e. To have the mind of Christ (about things excellent, death, others, glory, joy Phil 1-4)
- f. To respond to sin, failure, condemnation, frustration, despair, tragedy, pain, tribulation... ... with salvation, forgiveness, comfort, grace, faith, hope, charity, trust in God.

4. What is Coming - God will judge everyone (Yes, even you)

- a. We all will be judged 2 Cor 5:10-11
- b. Yes, there are multiple judgments, and Christ took our sin judgment by the cross
- c. "We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" Rom 14:10-12
- d. We are not each other's judge, Christ is our judge 1 Cor 4:1-5
- e. A judgment of what sort of work we do in the body of Christ 1 Cor 3:12-18

5. The Greater Glory of God – Our Hope, Our Motivation

- a. Glory in the Lord 2 Cor 10:17, what does this mean? All that he is, gives, does.
- b. Rejoice in hope of the glory of God Rom 5:2, 8:18, 2 Cor 4:17
- c. The glory of enlightened eyes, his calling, his riches, his power Eph 1:18-20
- d. Glorying in the wrong thing brings shame Phi 3:19, Glory in God Phil 4:19
- e. Glory in Christ, an eternal glory Col 3:4, 2 Thess 2:14, Tim 2:10, 4:18, Phi 1:21