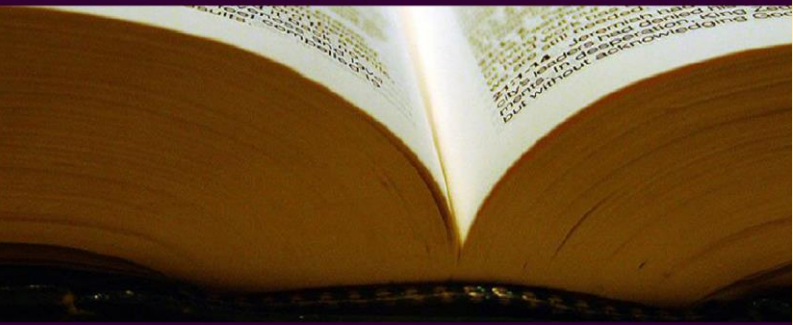
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Preface

The early Christians had something they were all supposed to know or were thought to have known, that perhaps was on their lips and frequently circulated amongst them, just like Israel of old were to teach God's words, talk about them at all times, bind them on their hand, have them on their foreheads, and write them on their doorposts and gates (Deut. 6:6-9). A notable example is when Apostle Paul, in encouraging the elders of the church at Ephesus, asked them to remember the words of the Lord Jesus ***"…it is more blessed to give than to receive."*** (Acts 20:35) which is not revealed in any of the four Gospels, which is intensively about Jesus's earthly life and ministry.

This compilation reveals some of those words that the early church knew and had to put to remembrance on a daily basis.

After a journey through the epistles of 1, 2 & 3 John, I decided to list down all those realities the early Christians were said to have known and ultimately remembered. Initially I compiled that which I could gather from the New Testament. Thanks be to God for this grace, most of them have been an eye-opener for me. So I decided to get some extra from the Old Testament as well.

When these biblical truths were gathered, I thought it would be an honour and a grace to put them together and share with the Christian community and to find out if we also knew these, and how could we make these words of life resound in our daily lives and activities as we joyfully approach the appearing of Christ.

However, this does not mean that these Bible verses are enough for anyone's Christian growth. What we need for faith and practice in this earthly journey is the entirety of Scripture, through the leading of the Holy Spirit. This piece is just a

collection of Bible verses, and not the whole Bible in itself.

As I compiled that of the Old Testament, the theme rested on the sole truth that we all may know that **the LORD, He is God and beside Him there is no other**. And through the New Testament we come to appreciate the mighty work of God in pointing us to His Son–the Lord Jesus Christ–who has become for us the theme of everything, in all of Scriptures, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

At the end of this compilation is what I call "The Sending" as it was presented by each of the four Gospel writers. You would love to grasp the substance in that one too with especially getting a collective idea of what the Great commission is all about.

I pray that this piece blesses you and helps you in your daily walk with the Lord Jesus. Stay blessed.

Gideon.



EXODUS 18:11

"Now I **KNOW** that the LORD is greater than all the gods; indeed, it was proven when they dealt proudly against the people."



DEUTERONOMY 4:35

"To you it was shown that you might **KNOW** that the LORD, He is God; there is no other beside Him."

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DEUTERONOMY 4:39

"**KNOW** therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the LORD, He is God in heaven and on earth below; there is no other."



DEUTERONOMY 7:9-10

"**KNOW** therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandment; but repays those who hate Him to their faces, to destroy them; He will not delay with him who hates Him, He will repay him to his face."

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JOSHUA 4:23-24

"For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the LORD your God had done to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed; that all the peoples of the earth may **KNOW** that the hand of the LORD is mighty, so that you may fear the LORD your God forever."



JOB 19:25

"And as for me, I **KNOW** that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth."



JOB 19:29

"*Then* be afraid of the sword for yourselves, for wrath *brings* the punishment of the sword, so that you may **KNOW** there is judgement."



PSALM 4:3

"But **KNOW** that the LORD has set apart the godly man for Himself; the LORD hears when I call on Him."



PSALM 46:10

"Cease *striving* and **KNOW** that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

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PSALM 83:18

"That they may **KNOW** that Thou alone, whose name is the LORD, art the Most High over all the earth."

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PSALM 100:3

"**KNOW** that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* His people and the sheep of His pasture."

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PSALM 135:5-7

"For I **KNOW** that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, He does. In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps. He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; who makes lightnings for the rain; who brings forth the wind from His treasuries."

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PSALM 140:12

"I **KNOW** that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and justice for the poor."

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ECCLESIASTES 3:14

"I **KNOW** that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has *so* worked that men should fear Him."

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ISAIAH 12:5

"Praise the LORD in song, for He has done excellent things; let this be **KNOWN** throughout the earth."

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ISAIAH 40:28-29

"Do you not **KNOW**? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary, and to *him who* lacks might He increases power."

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ISAIAH 43:10-11

""You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, in order that you may **KNOW** and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me. I, even I, am the LORD; and there is no savior besides Me."

18

ISAIAH 45:3

"And I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden wealth of secret places, in order that you may **KNOW** that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name."

19

ISAIAH 45:5-6

"I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have no known Me; that men may **KNOW** from the rising to the setting of the sun that there is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other."

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ISAIAH 51:7

"Listen to Me, you who **KNOW** righteousness, a people in whose heart is My law; do not fear the reproach of man, neither be dismayed at their revilings."

21

ISAIAH 52:6

"Therefore My people shall **KNOW** My name; therefore in that day I am the one who is speaking, 'Here I am.'"

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ISAIAH 60:15-16

"Whereas you have been forsaken and hated with no one passing through, I will make you an everlasting pride, a joy from generation to generation. You will suck the milk of nations, and will suck the breast of kings; then you will **KNOW** that I, the LORD, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

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JEREMIAH 9:23-24

"Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, lot not the rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and **KNOWS** Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD."

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JEREMIAH 16:21

"Therefore behold, I am going to make them **KNOW**–this time I will make them **KNOW** My power and My might; and they shall **KNOW** that My name is the LORD."

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JEREMIAH 24:7

"And I will give them a heart to **KNOW** Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart."

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JEREMIAH 31:34

"And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbour and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all **KNOW** Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

27

EZEKIEL 20:44

"Then you will **KNOW** that I am the LORD when I have dealt with you for My name's sake, not according to your evil ways or according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel," declares the Lord GOD."

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EZEKIEL 34:30

"Then they will **KNOW** that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people, declares the Lord GOD. As for you, My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, you are men, and I am your God, declares the Lord GOD."

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EZEKIEL 38:23

"And I shall magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself **KNOWN** in the sight of many nations; and they will **KNOW** that I am the LORD."

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JOEL 2:27

"Thus you will **KNOW** that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God and there is no other; and My people will never be put to shame."

31

ROMANS 3:19-20

"Now we **KNOW** that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes the knowledge of sin."

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ROMANS 6:3

"Do you not **KNOW** that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?"

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ROMANS 6:6

"We **KNOW** that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin."

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ROMANS 6:9

"We **KNOW** that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him."

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ROMANS 6:16

"Do you not **KNOW** that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?"

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ROMANS 7:1

"Or do you not **KNOW,** brothers–for I am speaking to those who know the law–that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?"

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ROMANS 7:14

"For we **KNOW** that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin."

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ROMANS 7:18

"For I **KNOW** that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out."

39

ROMANS 8:22

"For we **KNOW** that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now."

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ROMANS 8:28

"And we **KNOW** that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

41

ROMANS 13:11

"Besides this you **KNOW** the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed."

42

ROMANS 14:14

"I **KNOW** and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean."

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ROMANS 15:29

"I **KNOW** that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ."

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1 CORINTHIANS 2:12 [NASB]

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who if from God, that we might **KNOW** the things freely given to us by God."

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1 CORINTHIANS 6:3

"Do you not **KNOW** that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life?"

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1 CORINTHIANS 6:2

"Or do you not **KNOW** that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases?"

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1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-10

"Or do you not **KNOW** that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexual immoral, nor the idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God."

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1 CORINTHIANS 6:15

"Do you not **KNOW** that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!"

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1 CORINTHIANS 6:16

“Or do you not **KNOW** that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.””

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1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

"Or do you not **KNOW** that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

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1 CORINTHIANS 8:1

"Now concerning food offered to idols: we **KNOW** that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up."

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1 CORINTHIANS 8:4

"Therefore as to the eating of food offered to idols, we **KNOW** that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one.""

53

1 CORINTHIANS 9:13

"Do you not **KNOW** that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings?"

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1 CORINTHIANS 9:24

"Do you not **KNOW** that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it."

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1 CORINTHIANS 12:2

"You **KNOW** that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led."

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1 CORINTHIANS 13:9

"For we **KNOW** in part and we prophesy in part."

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, **KNOWING** that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

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2 CORINTHIANS 1:7

"Our hope for you is unshaken, for we **KNOW** that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort."

59

2 CHORINTHIANS 4:14

"**KNOWING** that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence."



2 CORINTHIANS 5:1

"For we **KNOW** that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

61

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-7

"So we are always of good courage. We **KNOW** that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight."

62

2 CORINTHIANS 5:11

"Therefore, **KNOWING** the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is **KNOWN** also to your conscience."

63

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

"For you **KNOW** the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."

64

GALATIANS 1:11

"For I will have you **KNOW,** brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel."

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GALATIANS 2:16

"Yet we **KNOW** that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified."



GALATIANS 3:7

"**KNOW** then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham."

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EPHESIANS 6:8

"**KNOWING** that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free."

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EPHESIANS 6:9 *(cf. Col. 4:1)*

"Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, **KNOWING** that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him."

PHILIPPIANS 1:12

"I want you to **KNOW,** brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel."

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PHILIPPIANS 4:12

"I **KNOW** how to be brought low, and I **KNOW** how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need."

71

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, **KNOWING** that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."

72

1 THESSALONIANS 1:4

"For we **KNOW,** brothers loved by God, that he has chosen us."

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1 THESSALONIANS 1:5

"Because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You **KNOW** what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake."

74

1 THESSALONIANS 3:3-4

"That no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves **KNOW** that we are destined for this. For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you **KNOW**."

75

1 THESSALONIANS 4:2

"For you **KNOW** what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus Christ."

76

1 THESSALONIANS 4:4-7

"That each one of you **KNOW** how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness."

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1 TIMOTHY 1:8

"Now we **KNOW** that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully."

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2 TIMOTHY 1:12

"Which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I **KNOW** whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me."

79

2 TIMOTHY 2:23

"Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you **KNOW** that they breed quarrels."

80

HEBREWS 10:30

“For we **KNOW** him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.””

81

HEBREWS 12:16-17

"That no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you **KNOW** that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears."

82

JAMES 1:3

"For you **KNOW** that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."

83

JAMES 1:19-20

"**KNOW** this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God."

84

JAMES 3:1

"Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you **KNOW** that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness."

85

JAMES 4:4

"You adulterous people! Do you not **KNOW** that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

86

JAMES 5:20

"Let him **KNOW** that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins."

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1 PETER 1:18-19

"**KNOWING** that you were redeemed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."

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1 PETER 5:9

"Resist him, firm in your faith, **KNOWING** that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world."

2 PETER 1:16

"For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made **KNOWN** to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty."



2 PETER 1:20

"**KNOWING** this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture come from someone's own interpretation."



2 PETER 3:3

"**KNOWING** this first of all, that scoffers will come in last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires."

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2 PETER 3:17

"You therefore, beloved, **KNOWING** this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability."

1 JOHN 2:3

"And by this we **KNOW** that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandment."

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1 JOHN 2:13

"I am writing to you, fathers, because you **KNOW** him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you **KNOW** the Father."

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1 JOHN 2:18

"Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we **KNOW** that it is the last hour."



1 JOHN 2:21

"I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you **KNOW** it, and because no lie is of the truth."

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1 JOHN 3:2

"Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared, but we **KNOW** that when he appears we shall be like him, because we will see him as he is."



1 JOHN 3:5

"You **KNOW** that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin."



1 JOHN 3:14-16

"We **KNOW** that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you **KNOW** that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we **KNOW** love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers."

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1 JOHN 3:19

"By this we shall **KNOW** that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;"

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1 JOHN 3:24

"Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we **KNOW** that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us."

102

1 JOHN 4:2

"By this you **KNOW** the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God."

103

1 JOHN 4:6

"We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we **KNOW** the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error."

104

1 JOHN 4:13-14

"By this we **KNOW** that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world."

105

1 JOHN 4:15-16

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to **KNOW** and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."

106

1 JOHN 5:2

"By this we **KNOW** that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments."

107

1 JOHN 5:13

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may **KNOW** that you have eternal life."

108

1 JOHN 5:14-15

"And this is the confidence that we have towards him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hear us. And if we **KNOW** that he hears us in whatever we ask, we **KNOW** that we have the requests that we have asked of him."

109

1 JOHN 5:18

"We **KNOW** that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him."

110

1 JOHN 5:19

"And we **KNOW** that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."

111

1 JOHN 5:20

"And we **KNOW** that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may **KNOW** him who is true: and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life."

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JUDE 5 [NASB]

"Now I want to remind you, although you once fully **KNEW** it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterwards destroyed those who did not believe."

The Sending

This portion has been added to tell of the Sending (popularly known as the Great Commission) as it was recorded by the four Gospel writers namely Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Luke makes a statement of it in Acts which is also presented.

Matthew

MATTHEW 28:19-20

"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 that I have

commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mark

MARK 16:15-16

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Luke

LUKE 24:45-49

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that

repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

ACTS 1:8

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

John

JOHN 20:21-23

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am

sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Postscript

I hope this piece put together has blessed and helped you.

The idea does not end here. I wish to make a review by adding commentary to each verse in the near future.

I would like to finally draw us to something Howard A. Snyder wrote in his book *Kingdom, Church, and World: Biblical Themes for Today* that:

> "We are to view all of Scripture as the history of God's "economy" or plan to restore a fallen creation, bringing all God has made–woman, man and their total environment– to the fulfilment of his purposes under his sovereign reign."

God bless you for being a part of this project. I love you. Stay blessed.

Thank you