

To Know is Faith

1 Jn 3:14; 5:15 — To *know* (#1492) that He hears. To *know* is to be without any doubt or misunderstanding or any delusion. To *know* is to *actually* know and to know is *absolute*. 1 Jn 2:4 — To *know* is faith, being persuaded by our Father. 1 Jn 5:13 — This is the way we *know* also, and if we *don't* know, we *can* know. That is, if we *want* to know with all of our heart, badly enough, we will know, just as there was a way for the rich young ruler to know (Mk 10:17,21). So, if one doesn't know he has passed out of death, out of eternal death, or is not as confident as Paul in 2 Cor 5:8 (or 1 Jn 2:28; 4:17), then there is *sin* somewhere (Heb 10:38-39; Jms 5:20; 1:21).

Paul said we are *confident* (#2292) in 2 Cor 5:8 and *knowing* (#1492) in verse 11. *Boldness* in 1 Jn 4:17 and *confidence* in 1 Jn 2:28 are both #3954. This boldness and confidence is the same as we must have in order to speak in the minchah (Heb 3:6). Only with the Holy Spirit upon us can we have confidence, boldness, to speak in the Spirit and not from ourselves, not speaking our own word (1 Pet 4:11). We bring back what we have heard, or what spoke to us when we heard faith, or what we were persuaded of by the Spirit in some particular way that He spoke to us.

This makes us grow up in a particular way or aspect (Eph 4:15; Heb 3:6,13). It fosters our growth in Messiah. Faith comes by hearing, that is, hearing “the voice” as in Jn 18:37 or 10:27, which comes from Him. We hear Him. Whoever “hears My voice” will be as 1 Pet 4:11. *Voice* is #5456. Hearing His voice is what allows us to know and understand what His will is, what He wants us to know to do, to say, and to be, for Him, now, and in eternity (1 Cor 2:10). *Voice* is #5456 in Jn 10:27, meaning *disclosure* (Jn 14:21; 18:37), to make to know, to make known what is impossible to know apart from faith (Rom 10:9-10,17; Lk 21:30-31; Jn 8:19).

Jn 18:37 — “Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” That is, whoever is walking in the truth, in the light (Jn 8:12; 1 Jn 1:7; Jn 10:4,14,27-28; 14:20).

1 Jn 2:3-4; 3:19,24; 4:2,6; 5:19-20 — To know inwardly without reservation, and outwardly, or experientially, as well. Jn 17:23 is *experiential* knowing (#1492). 1 Jn 3:14 is to know inwardly and outwardly (1 Jn 3:24). We know that we have passed out of death and into life by the Spirit in us and by the fact that we love one another by His love in our hearts (Rom 5:5; 1 Jn 3:14,16,23-24).

The Deception of the End Times

Isa 24:5-6; 2 Ths 2:12 — Only a few will be left with a conscience. We can only imagine what evils will come upon the earth, even in the most subtle ways, the most deceptive ways, when the restraining influence of conscience is so calloused that people will call good evil and evil good (Gen 3:22). We will see the unleashing of man's full susceptibility and full potential for gulping down the lie (2 Ths 2:10), making planet Earth more wicked than the word *wicked* could ever have been thought to have actually meant (2 Ths 2:11-12; Dan 12:1; 2 Tim 3:1-7; Rom 1:28-32). Who knows what evil lurks in the heart of man? God knows. x