

Knowledge from Bible leads to everlasting life

John 17:3 says, "This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ."

This means several things, the most obvious being that we need knowledge from the Bible to gain everlasting life, a concept that is quite reasonable when you think about it. Does it make sense that God would give everlasting life to people who don't bother to get to know anything about Him, especially when He has provided all the knowledge we need in a book that is readily



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available?

Knowledge from the Bible can motivate us to change how we live our lives, which in turn, shows our appreciation for God's standards.

Ephesians 20-24 says, "But you did not learn the Christ to be so, pro-

vided, indeed, that you heard him and were taught by means of him, just as the truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old personality which conforms to your former course of conduct and which is being corrupted according to his deceptive desires; but that you should be made new in the force actuating your mind, and should put on the new personality which was created according to God's will in true righteousness and loyalty."

Another way we can show appreciation for Bible knowledge is to share it with others. Romans 10:10 says, "For with the heart one exercises faith for righteousness, but with the mouth one makes public declaration for salvation."

1 Timothy 4:16 says, "Pay constant attention to yourself and to your teaching. Stay by these things, for by doing this you will save both yourself and those who listen to you."

Helping others to learn Bible teachings is linked to our salvation

and to theirs. Jesus said, as recorded at Matthew 24:14: "And this good news of the kingdom will be preached in all the inhabited earth for a witness to all the nations; and then the end will come."

This was part of his explanation to his disciples after they asked for a sign of his presence and of the "conclusion of the system of things" in verse three. The Bible urges Christians to help fulfill that prophecy.

After gaining Bible knowledge, it is important to put faith in what you have learned. Hebrews 11:6 says, "Moreover, without faith it is impossible to please him well, for he that approaches God must believe that he is and that he becomes the rewarder of those earnestly seeking him."

Acts 17:30, 31 says, "True, God has overlooked the times of such ignorance, yet now he is telling mankind that they should all everywhere repent. Because he has set a day in which he purposes to judge the inhabited earth in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and he has furnished a guarantee to all men in that he has resurrected him from the dead."

After repenting, we need to turn our lives around and not continue in doing what we did during our times of ignorance. Acts 3:19 says, "Repent, therefore, and turn around so as to get your sins blotted out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the person of God."

Turning our lives around is needed even if we weren't really bad people before gaining knowledge because serving God is a continuous process, not something we do briefly before going back to "normal."

Matthew 16:24 says, "Then Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone wants to come after me, let him disown himself and pick up his torture stake and continually follow me.'"

Matthew 22:37 says we need to love God with our whole heart, mind and soul, something that can't be accomplished in an hour or two a week.

When we have made the decision to serve God, we should follow the example of the early Christians and get baptized. Acts 8:36 says, "Now as they were going over the road, they came to a certain body of water, and the eunuch said: 'Look! A body of water; what prevents me

from getting baptized?'"

The eunuch was a man Philip had been directed to by an angel. He was a Jewish proselyte with some knowledge of the scriptures but who was having trouble understanding prophecies about the Messiah. After Philip taught him the meaning of those scriptures, he made the decision to be a Christian.

The decision to be a Christian is a vow to God. Psalm 50:14 says, "Offer thanksgiving as your sacrifice to God, and pay to the Most High your vows."

Once we have made a decision to serve God, made necessary changes in our lives and are baptized as Christians, we need to continue reading the Bible daily, and we need to pray regularly.

We also need to serve God along with the Christian congregation, which has the leadership described at Hebrews 13:17: "Be obedient to those who are taking the lead among you and be submissive, for they are keeping watch over your souls as those who will render an account; that they may do this with joy and not with sighing, for this would be damaging to you."

September wedding planned

Amanda Faith Jones of St. Francis and Jeremy Evert of Brewster plan to marry Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005, at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland.

The couple met at Colby Community College in 2000 while they were both serving as officers in Student Senate.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Karen and Daniel Jones of St. Francis. She graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1999 and received her Associate of Science degree from Colby Community College.

At Oklahoma State University, she earned her Bachelor's and Master's of Science degrees in agriculture. She is an agriculture communications specialist and adjunct instructor at Redlands Community College in El Reno, Okla., teaching agricultural economics, marketing, computers and communications.

She is also responsible for writing news articles, graphic design and public relations. Recently, she had the opportunity to receive training



Jones and Evert

in grant writing. She looks forward to being accepted into a doctoral program in the future.

The prospective groom is the son of Cheryl and David Evert of Brewster. He graduated from Brewster High School in 1999 and received his Associate of Science degree from Colby Community College.

At Kansas State University, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City, Okla.

While in the Air Force, he has received Air Battle Damage Repairs training as well as Acquisitions certification. He has an interest in intelligent prosthetics and is looking forward to working as a controls systems engineer in the future.

The couple plans to live in El Reno, Okla.

Couple to marry next week

Kamilla Rose Pianalto and Jered Allen Cohoon, both of Goodland, plan to marry Saturday, July 30, 2005, at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland.

Burton and Roberta Pianalto of Goodland are her parents, and Mike and Rhonda Cohoon of Cimarron are his. The late Eugene and Shirley Pianalto of Bird City and Odelia Reidel and the late John Reidel of Park are her grandparents.

Rita Cohoon and the late Jim Cohoon of Kalvesta and Norman and Eleanor Pitts of Jetmore are his grandparents.

The bride-elect graduated from Goodland High School in 2002 and is a health unit coordinator at the Goodland Regional Medical Center. The prospective groom grew up in Cimarron and graduated from Cimarron High School in 2000. He



Cohoon and Pianalto

is a diesel mechanic at Goodland Greenline.

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