

LOVE THAT PASSES KNOWLEDGE

LESSON FOUR

Jesus was sent to cut down a tree - the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Matthew 3:7-12

The religious of that day were operating of the wrong tree. Jesus referred to Psalms 82, where God was judging the gods. Knowledge was their god and they were harsh judges. John 10:31-39

The religious cannot know the things of the Spirit; therefore, they could not know the Father in Jesus Christ. The lust and cover up kept them deceived. John 8:39-47

*Jesus Christ describes the nature of the religious or those with the knowledge of good and evil. Remember that they were well dressed and polished - to look holy. **Matthew 23:13-33***

The religious were the ones that were behind Jesus Christ's crucifixion. After Jesus Christ raised Lazarus from the dead, they plotted, because the flesh was protecting its position.

John 11:47-54

How then did Jesus give us victory over the tree of knowledge of good and evil?

First, He delivered us from a tree by hanging on a tree (the Cross). In doing this, He removed our sin, guilt, and shame. Then He freed us from a curse that kept us captive to the flesh.

This gave us access to the Spirit of God again.

Galatians 3:11-14

1 Peter 2:21-25

Secondly, He gave us the commandment of love, that we could live in the Spirit - even a love that passes knowledge.

Galatians 5:25

Matthew 22:37-40

Matthew 5:44

Luke 6:27

Look at the victory that this kind of love brings.

1 John 4:6-9

1 John 4:12

1 John 4:16

Walking in love that passes knowledge brings God's perfected love and the fullness of God into our lives. This gives us the ability to be led by the Father as Jesus was.

**Ephesians 3 :14 -
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The Church of Ephesus was commanded to return to their first love. They had extreme knowledge to judge false Apostles. They worked very hard. They were little gods, judging and covering themselves. They are called to repent and return to their first works out of the love of God and Spirit. The reward would be access to the tree of life.

**Revelation 2:1-
7**

We see that if we do His commandments of love, we have right to the Tree of Life, giving us access to the gates of the city, New Jerusalem - known also as the Bride.

Revelation 22 :14

We see that this Tree carries the fruit of life, and leaves for healing nations. Revelation 22:1-2

In conclusion, the study of God's Word has shown us that the way to know God, have His love perfected in us, and walk in the fullness of God, is by choosing to love past knowledge. This gives us the ability to walk in the Spirit, be led by the Spirit of God, manifesting God's character and nature, not fulfilling the lust of the flesh.

We should then heed the call to the Church of Ephesus to repent and return to our first love, not just now, but any time we find knowledge of good and evil ruling our lives. You will never know God, walk with God, or be filled with the fullness of God through knowledge of good and evil. You will never overcome your flesh through knowledge of good and evil. Return to your first love, which is the love of Father, and walk the victorious life that God has called you to.