

“Grace and Peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.” 2 Peter 1:2 KJV

Peace can only be obtained through the “knowledge of God.” How can men “KNOW” an invisible infinite God? “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.” If you do not fear God, you will never know Him! “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was made flesh (Jesus) and dwelt among us. Jesus [said], ‘I am the Way the Truth and the Life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me.’ (To His Father) ‘Sanctify them through Thy Word. Thy Word is Truth.’ I and the Father are one.” These passages declare Jesus to be God’s Word “made flesh.” We have a visible, written record of God’s Word, the Bible. The invisible God, “the Spirit of Truth,” speaks in the secret places of men’s thoughts/mind/soul to “reprove...of sin, and of Righteousness, and of Judgment. Of sin, because they believe not on [Christ]: Of Righteousness, because [we] see [Christ] no more: Of Judgment, because the prince of this world (Satan) is judged. God is a Spirit and those that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in Truth. It is written, ‘Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.’ But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit.” If you know anything of God, it is through His written visible Word recorded for the benefit of those who by faith learn to recognize God, the Holy Spirit’s Voice as He speaks Truth in their hearts and minds throughout each day. The written Word of God is precious to those who follow and love Him, because it enables them to discern His Voice amid the cacophony of evil thoughts, “fiery darts” Satan throws at us! A friend was visiting Israel and went to a local shepherd’s gathering for morning coffee. The shepherds met, their flocks mingled, and an hour of conversation ensued. One by one the shepherds excused themselves, walked to the outer edge of the melee of sheep, gave a distinct call, and all of his sheep separated from the others and followed him away. The sheep could not see the shepherd, but they obeyed his voice. My friend said it clearly illustrated Jesus’ words: “I am the Good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. My sheep Hear my VOICE, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” The foundation of peace is knowing God’s Voice, so we may follow Him to immortality! “Faith cometh by HEARING...the Word of God.” If you do not know God’s Voice, you do not know God’s Word! Those who know His Word know His Voice and obey Him! Only then is Grace and Peace multiplied.



Granting men both faith and peace,
The Word of God will never cease,
Revealing Christ to men in night,
And leading them to endless Light! -CGP

God’s Word in your thoughts, enables you to “hear” God, Jesus! “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich. He, God’s Word shall direct thy paths (actions).” His Voice, “the Spirit of Truth will guide you into all Truth.” Have you heard Him? Thinking on God’s Word is listening to God, but obedience is following!

“Therefore being justified by faith (obedience), we have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By Whom also we have access by faith into this Grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in Hope of the Glory of God.” Romans 5:1-2 KJV