

*“But whoso keepeth (obeys) His Word, in him verily is the Love of God perfected: [hereby know we that we are in Him.](#)” 1 John 2:5 KJV*

There are things we KNOW we know, and things we THINK we know. For example: You know if you drop something heavy it will fall, but experience teaches us to expect the unexpected when it comes to machinery and people. I expect the light to come on when I flip the switch, but it may not. However, certain things in creation are absolutes; we know them as the “Laws” of physics. In and of themselves, these laws are not punitive. Benefit and punishment depend on individual action. Gravity keeps us on earth; but sky dive without a parachute and you die! All laws of physics are Divine! Every Word of God is absolute! Decisions determine benefit or punishment. Obey them and live, disregard them and die! God’s Word the fulcrum of faith: Obedience verifies faith! The lever of obedience must applied to the Truth of God’s Word to lift mighty burdens, but we will not obey what we do not trust.



If you do not KNOW God, you will not trust Him. If you do not KNOW His Word, you CANNOT KNOW Him! When you sit to eat, do you first inspect and test the chair or are you thinking only of the repast awaiting? Why? Simple. You’ve either sat there before or you have learned by use or observation that a chair will hold you and it no longer enters your thoughts to doubt its ability. It’s the same with faith. You will never trust the power of faith until you trust and obey God’s Word habitually. Your first chair is probably a faded memory, but trust was a necessity before you sat in it. Now, just a cursory glance, evaluates a chair’s trustworthiness. The obedient believer can KNOW they are in Christ from their many past experiences when they simply trusted and obeyed God above all else. Now, they KNOW that they KNOW, and they obey God reflexively. If you hesitate to obey, you do not KNOW, you only THINK you know. Those who KNOW reflexively trust God, just like you sitting in an unknown chair. Some KNOW the Voice of God: Others THINK they know!

I am secure in Christ my Lord,  
Because I gladly trust His Word,  
There is no hesitating doubt,  
For He has always brought me out! -CGP

A doctor was with a patient when his dog began scratching and whining on the other side of the door. The patient asked, “Why is he doing that?” The doctor replied, “He knows I’m here.” Did the dog see the doctor? No, but he knew his master’s voice! Jesus said, “*My sheep KNOW my Voice...and they follow (obey) me. Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God.*” Believers KNOW God is with them, because they KNOW His Voice; His Word actively directing thought. “*LET this mind be in you.*” God’s Word/Voice in your mind is your choice: Do you KNOW and obey God’s Voice? The trial of faith is the decision to obey God or the “fiery darts” of doubt hurled by Satan. Solomon wisely said, “*Can a man hold fire in his bosom and not be burned?*” God’s Word quenches doubt if we trust and obey!

*“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and Honour and Glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with Joy Unspeakable and full of Glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.” 1 Peter 1:7-9 KJV*