

THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

KNOWING AND GROWING

1 John 5:18-21 Jeff Schreve

***We know** that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him and the evil one does not touch him. **We know** that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. **And we know** that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. Little children, guard yourselves from idols. 1 John 5:18-21*

What must we know so that we can apply it and grow?

1. We must know that a true Christian doesn't practice sin.

No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 1 John 3:9

A. A true Christian has a new nature that hates sin.

B. A true Christian has power within to defeat the flesh.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. Galatians 5:16-17

C. A true Christian is kept by the power of God.

... who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:5

2. We must know that a true Christian belongs to God.

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

A. A true Christian is not of this world.

B. A true Christian doesn't walk in step with this world.

3. We must know that a true Christian has the truth.

A. A true Christian knows the one true God.

"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." John 17:3

Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD. Jeremiah 9:23-24

B. A true Christian shares with those living in falsehood.

Know the truth, practice the truth, and grow in the Lord.