

1. We May Know.
 - a. God does not want us to guess about anything.
 - i. 1 John 5:13: “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.”
 - ii. 1 John 4:13–16: “By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”
 - iii. 1 John 4:6: “We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.”
 - iv. 1 John 3:16: “By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.”
 - v. 1 John 3:19–20 “By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.”
 - b. Faith is not a guessing game.
 - i. God tells us what sin is and how to avoid it.
 - ii. 1 John 2:1: “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”
 - iii. God tells us what to do and how to live a life that is pleasing to Him.
 - iv. 2 Peter 1:5–10: “For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.”
 - c. We know the one true God!
2. One voice in the dark.
 - a. “One voice in the dark. A song that lights up the stars.”
 - b. Saul of Tarsus, the fanatic.
 - i. No one could have ever talked to him about Jesus.
 1. He watched as they stoned Stephen.
 2. He dragged Christians from their homes and put them in jail.
 3. He obtained letters from the high priest to go to Damascus synagogues, arrest them, and bring them to Jerusalem.

4. Acts 9:1–2: “But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.”
 - ii. But Saul of Tarsus heard the voice in the dark.
 1. Acts 9:3–6: “Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”
 2. In my mind, I see Saul huddled on the ground with his hands over his ears, trying to block out the voice.
 3. Acts 9:9: “And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.”
 4. Even with the voice, it took him three days.
 5. 1 Corinthians 11:23 “For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,”
 6. With a visit from Jesus Himself, it still took Saul of Tarsus 3 days to come to terms.
 7. Acts 22:14–16: “And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’”
 - c. We can be fanatics as well.
 - i. I have sat down across from many people who will come up with excuses for why they don’t need Jesus, even after I point them to the ‘voice in the dark.’
 - ii. Fortunately, we don’t need to be blinded to see the truth (like Paul).
 - d. The truth is written down for us to know the one true God.
3. Thunder and fire.
 - a. “One sovereign in power who speaks with thunder and fire.”
 - b. God spoke to Israel in thunder and fire from the mountain in Midian.
 - i. Exodus 19:19–20: “And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. The Lord came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.”
 - ii. The people could not stand the sound and asked that Moses speak for God instead.
 - iii. God gave Moses the tablets with the Ten Commandments.
 - c. We have a different set of tablets.
 - i. Hebrews 1:1–2: “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.”
 - ii. God speaks to us through His Word.
 - iii. John 1:1–4: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through

- him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.”
- iv. John 1:14: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
 - v. Ephesians 2:19–22: “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”
- d. We often react like the Israelites at the Mountain of God in Midian.
 - i. The rich young ruler went away, despising the words of Jesus.
 - ii. The religious Elite said Jesus was from the Devil.
 - iii. Matthew 12:22–24: “Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.”
 - iv. We blame God for everything that has gone bad in our lives; we shake our fists at Him and refuse to listen to Him.
 - v. We must remember He is the King of Kings, the One True God.
4. One way to be saved.
 - a. He is our savior, our redeemer.
 - i. John 14:6 “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
 - ii. Acts 4:11–12: “This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
 - b. Jesus is not an exclusionist but an ‘inclusionist.’
 - i. 1 Timothy 2:3–6: “This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.”
 - ii. The King of Kings, the Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Creator of all you see wants you!
 1. He clothed Adam and Eve (because He wants you).
 2. He parted the Red Sea (because He wants you).
 3. He prepared a great fish to swallow the prophet Jonah (because He wants you).
 4. He sent Israel into captivity (because He wants you).
 5. when He had prepared everything, He sent His son to be our sacrifice (because He wants you).
 6. Romans 5:6–8: “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a

good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

7. 1 John 2:2–3: “He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.”
- iii. “One man on a cross, one light of the world, one name, one word, one way to be saved, one lamb that was slain, one love above all. There is no other that can compare to you.”

5. One True God.

- a. We know that He is the voice in the dark.
- b. We know He speaks through His word (thunder and fire).
- c. We know He is the way to salvation.
- d. The One True God!