

IS IT WHO OR WHAT?

It is often stated today that it is not what you know but who you know that will get you the best job, promotion, etc. That may be true at times but an employer can't stay in business by simply employing people based on their popularity if they don't understand the business. In the religious world you hear people regularly saying "I know Jesus". It is vital that we "know Jesus" but the question remains-"What do you know about him"? How can people claim to "know Jesus" who don't know the teachings of scripture about the Lord? We don't become a Christian by simply calling him, "Lord, Lord" (Matthew 7:21-22). Standing before the Lord in the day of judgment proclaiming we know him will not allow us entrance into the heavenly kingdom unless we have obeyed the will of His Father (Matthew 7:21, 24-27). One might attain a position in the labor force by who he/she knows but no one can enter the kingdom (church) by saying, "I accept Christ as my personal Savior". When it comes to becoming and living the Christian life it does make a difference in what you know and who you know. The more we learn about our Lord the more deeply we fall in love with him and it becomes easier to keep His commandments (John 14:15). John later wrote these words in (I John 5:3) "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." To really know Jesus means that we will gladly obey his commands.

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