

Knowing God through Jesus Christ
 Christian Life Disciplines, No. 1

- I. A confident knowledge of God through Jesus Christ requires a biblically correct understanding:
1. The problem is our separation from God caused by sin-
 2. The problem (sin separating us from God) is wholly and exclusively dealt with by Jesus in His death and resurrection.
 3. We benefit from the solution only when we receive by faith alone this gracious provision.
 4. Our assurance of having acquired this gift is based upon the promise and character of God and upon the continued work of God in our lives.
- II. Romans 6:23 provides a simple way to remember and communicate this understanding:
1. God is totally sinless and our sin separates us from God.
 2. Life was and is God's desire for mankind but sin brings death.
 3. Our "fair" wages for serving sin is death, but God offers the gift of life.
 4. God could offer life as a gift, by being a substitute for the sinner in Jesus Christ.
 5. A resurrected Jesus is our Lord, showing the change which God has worked in us.

