

# ABIDING: the BELIEVER'S BASIC TRAINING (pt 2)

◆ *Scripture Reading:*

◆ **Acts 18:1-8**



# INTRODUCTION and REVIEW

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# INTRODUCTION and REVIEW

- ◆ When the Apostle Paul came to Corinth and reasoned with Jews and Gentiles in the synagogue, his judgment was to (intellectually) know nothing among them EXCEPT Jesus Christ (and Him, crucified!) - 1 Cor 2:1-2
- ◆ Many in the synagogues then had an **intellectual knowledge** but NOT an **experiential knowledge**.
- ◆ Many knew ABOUT Jesus, but did not know Him with **experiential knowledge**

# INTRODUCTION and REVIEW

- ◆ The Apostle John wrote to believers about basic truths that they did (or should)
  - ◆ **Intellectually know**, and
  - ◆ **Experientially know**

# EXAMPLES of BASIC INTELLECTUAL KNOWLEDGE for BELIEVERS

1. **1 Jn 2:20** - the believer's potential to intellectually know all things that God has revealed to us
2. **1 Jn 2:21-22** – the believer's knowledge of the truth of the identity of Jesus Christ (He is God!)
3. **1 Jn 3:1** – the believer's knowledge of how the Father loves us

# EXAMPLES of BASIC INTELLECTUAL KNOWLEDGE for BELIEVERS

4. **1 Jn 3:2** – the believer's knowledge of our glorification
5. **1 Jn 3:5** – the believer's knowledge of why the Father sent the Son
6. **1 Jn 5:18** – the believer's knowledge of his potential to sin (cf 2:1), but also the inability to make sinning a continuing practice

# EXAMPLES of COMBINATIONS of INTELLECTUAL and EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE for BELIEVERS

**I Jn 2:29** – the believer intellectually knows that Jesus Christ is righteous (cf 21), then they experientially know that all who do God's quality of righteousness are known out of Him

◇ cf Jn 13:35 – knowing experientially because of one believer's love toward another)

**I Jn 3:6** – negative intellectual and experiential knowledge

◇ “seen” = recognize visually = experiential knowledge

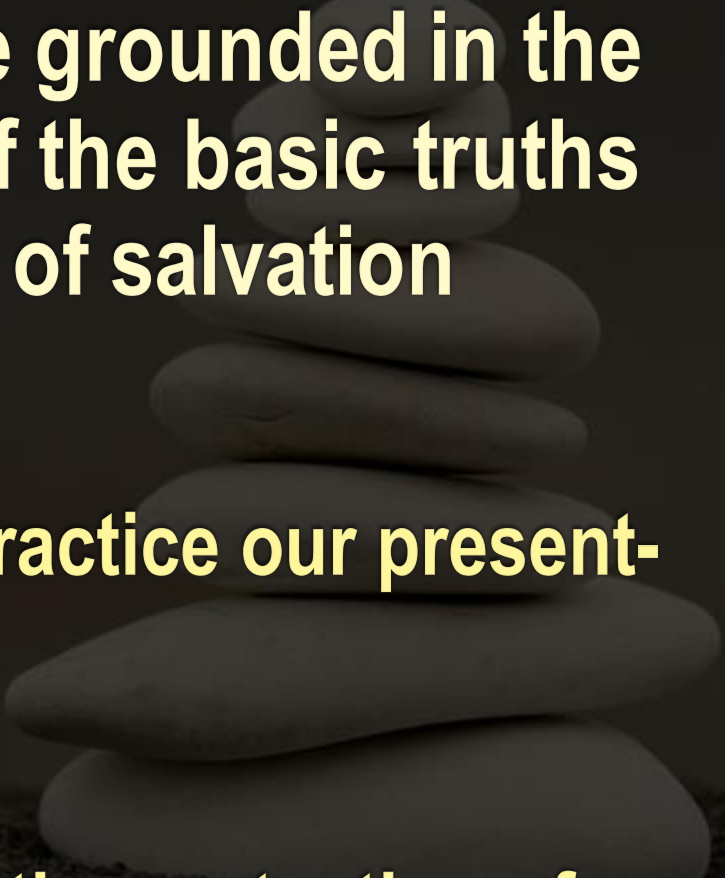
**I Jn 5:20a** – intellectual knowledge of the Son of God which provides the basis for experientially knowing Him

# EXAMPLES of BASIC EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE for BELIEVERS

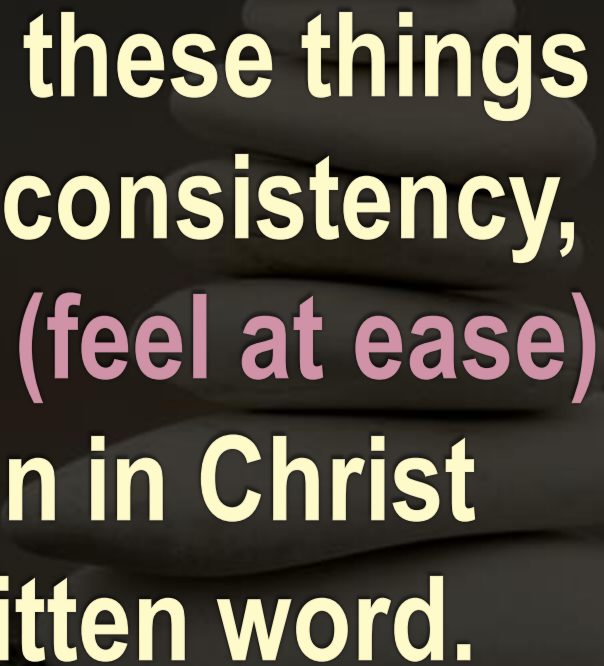
- ◇ **I Jn 2:18-19** – the believer experientially knows that we are living in a last hour
  - ◇ the last Day of Man – I Cor 4:3
- ◇ **I Jn 4:1-3** – the believer experientially knows the spirits of false teachers (no new birth)
  - ◇ Warnings by other apostles about false prophets and teachers
    - ◇ II Jn 7-11, Jude 3-4, II Pet 3:1-4, II Cor 11:13-15



# CONCLUSION

- ◆ **The Believer needs to be grounded in the intellectual knowledge of the basic truths concerning our 3 tenses of salvation**
  - ◆ **Then, we need to put into practice our present-tense of salvation**
  - ◆ **Finally, we need to practice the protection of our salvation from false teachers**
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# CONCLUSION



◆ We can only do these things effectively with consistency, when we **ABIDE** (feel at ease) in our position in Christ and in His written word.