

Know God - Make Him Known

Attributes of God (Holiness) - 10/1/17

As we come to understand that God is holy, how or why should that impact our desire to make Him known?

"Man's spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater - than its idea of God. Worship is as pure or as base, as the worshipper entertains high or low thoughts of God." -A.W. Tozer

Jesus came to reveal the God of the Bible - as God has revealed Himself in His Word; so any deviation from that insight from Him is a made-up god.

As we come to better understand and know the one, true living God - our desire should be to *make* Him known... Which is why the vision statement for our church is: "*To know God, & to make Him known*".

God is *holy*. To be 'holy' means, "*to be distinct and separate - in a class by oneself*." So the One Who is holy, is uniquely holy - with no rivals or competition.

1) Because No One Else Is Equal, & Nothing Else Compares

Exodus 15:11 - 1 Samuel 2:2 - Psalm 86:8-10

To be holy is to be morally pure. So God's holiness should cause us to want to make Him known because of His unique beauty - in that He is totally pure and unlike any other.

There is an aspect of beauty regarding God's holiness; but there is also an aspect of dreadfulness - as we will each give an account.

Hebrews 4:13 - Romans 3:19+20

As we *understand* God's holiness better, we should desire to warn others - because a day of judgment will come for us *all*.

Hebrews 9:27

The Bible even refers to a 'Bema Seat' Judgment (it is for believers); this will focus on rewards either gained or lost - depending on what we did with our lives after coming to saving faith in Christ.

Romans 14:10b-12 - 2 Corinthians 5:10

2) Because It Will Affect Our Eternal State

The Bible is *clear* - we will *all* enter into an eternal state, as the core of who you are (the essence of you) is your spirit.

Depending on whether or not we've repented & believed on Christ will determine where we will spend eternity - In heaven with God, or in hell for those who've rejected Christ; and this has *much* to do with God's holy nature.

3) Because We Must Be Redeemed & Reconciled

This is where the gospel comes in; have you trusted in Him?... And *are you* trusting in Him?

"...*To make Him known*" - Which is the second part of the vision for our church. Yet it's always been Christ's vision for His Church; we see it played-out time and again in the New Testament, but we also see it played-out in the Old Testament. **Isaiah 6:1-9a**

As we come to know and experience God, our response should be - "*Here am I, send me!*"