The Trinity

Knowing Them and How They Speak

Getting to Know God?

- A. A spectrum or a scale:
 - 1. I've heard there is a God.
 - 2. I believe there is a God.
 - 3. I learned some information about God.

- 4. I talked to him a few times, but I'm not sure he heard me, or is listening / cares because he doesn't.....
- 5. I know there is a God. Somehow inside I just know.
- 6. I felt God. I felt / feel his presence.
- 7. I think God is working in my life.

- 8. I'm getting a desire to know him. I have a hunger to read and understand his word / the Bible.
- 9. Sometimes I think I hear God talking to me.
- 10. I have a lot of questions about God / heaven / dying.
- 11. I'm starting to talk to God a lot.

- 12. I am beginning to really understand the Bible.
- 13. I'm beginning to really connect with God in P & W.
- 14. God told me something.
 - Now I see it. Now I get it.
 - It happened just like he said it would.

- 15. I'm beginning to recognize his voice.
- 16. I have the 'awareness' that he's constantly with me / he is without a doubt at work in my life.
- 17. He's beginning to show me things I've never seen before. (It's so different from what religion says)

- 18. I am talking with him regularly / consistently.
- 19. I am able to quickly and easily sense his presence and recognize what emphasis of anointing is present.
- 20. I'm hearing him several times a week.
- 21. I'm beginning to talk with him about everything.

- 22. I'm seeing this life completely differently than the world sees it.
- 23. I'm hearing his voice many times a day, and I'm recognizing the different members of the Trinity, and Who's speaking to me.
- 24. It's more than a word or sentence. We're having conversations.

1. Do You Speak to God?

Do you Speak to him like you know him?

2. Does God Speak to You?

Does God Speak to You like he knows you?

3. Which one of the Trinity do you Speak to? Which one of the Trinity speaks back?

Here is a Goal for all of us to pursue:

- A. To KNOW God intimately / closely. (All 3 of them)
- 1. We begin to recognize who's talking to us.
 - a. The Father.
 - b. The Son.
 - c. The Spirit.

John 10:4-5 (NKJV)

[4] "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. [5] "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

John 10:14 (NKJV)

[14] "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

The Father is the source of everything.....

> He is the provider FOR US of everything we need

Jesus is the one who restores mankind back to -Father

- > Savior, Lawyer, Intercessor, Judge, Etc.
- > He works with the Covenant to ensure what the Father is providing for us - gets TO US.
- > He's the one working everything out between the Father and us on a day-today basis.

The Spirit is the one who does a massive amount of work IN US on a day-to-day basis:

> Counsels us, teaches us, shows us right and wrong, empowers us, convinces us we can overcome, motivates us, sanctifies us, etc, etc, etc,

- 1. The Father: He speaks to us the least.
 - a. When he does: it's just a few words
 - Phrases, a sentence, a few words.
 - b. When he speaks, pay attention:
 - It's usually something big.
 - He will say it once.
 - He just doesn't repeat himself.

c. His main theme when he speaks is:

- Our Destiny and fulfilling it.
- We're his family: he speaks from that perspective. A Father's Perspective.

d. He will not:

Teach us

Tell the corporate church what to do
Tell the individual what and how to do
Show us things to come
Lead you in how to overcome.....
Show us how to fix a problem
Show you where you're in sin / error
Etc.

- 2. Jesus The Son: He will speak occasionally.
 - > In the N.T. after his resurrection, how often is he credited for speaking to one of the disciples > Occasionally.

- a. He will say more than the Father. (Rev 1-3)
 - Can be a few sentences.
 - Unless it's a prophecy / interpretation to his church (corporately). Then he speaks quite often and can speak at length.
- b. He rarely repeats himself.
 - He rarely speaks to us as individuals.
 - He refers to the scripture often as a basis.....

c. His themes:

- Salvation (Paul Acts 9). (Rev. 1-3)
- The Advancement of the Church (Paul Acts 9; 18:9-10). (Peter Acts 11). (Rev. 1-3)

Our personal Destiny, Gifting, Ministry.
 (Paul - Acts 9; 22:17-21; 23:11; 2 Cor. 12:8-9)

(Peter - 2 Peter 1:14)

- Encouragement to remain solid and keep moving forward..... (Paul - Acts 18:9-10; 23:11) (Rev. 1-3)

d. He will not: Counsel Us

Comfort us

Do much Teaching.

Remind us of what he said.

Give us much Guidance.

Lead us and Guide us

e. He speaks.... time to time......

- 3. The Holy Spirit He will speak numerous times a day.
- a. He speaks more than any of the others in the Trinity
 - He's very personal
 - Very intimate. (He's brought things up that I would never have guessed they're paying attention to)

- He's very specific in explanation and application
- He will repeat himself and re-explain
- He will give many confirmations for us.....
- He speaks like he's in it with us (companion).

b. It's his job as our: Counselor / Comforter

Teacher

Guide / Leads us

Shows us what's coming

The one who works to

convince us.....

c. His basic Themes:

- Take from Jesus and make it known to us (Jn. 16:13-15) - Lead us into Truth. (John 16:13)

- Convince us about: Sin.

Righteousness.

The Devil is Judged.

(John 16:8-10)

- Flow through us via the Gifts of the Spirit.

(1 Cor. 12, 14)

d. He will not: Call us into the ministry

Command us (He's not the Master) Give us an ultimatum. (Blue Van)

- Jesus or possibly the Father.

Discipline us. (Hebrews 12)

- Father.

Go to the Father on your behalf. Etc.

What is our Relationship with each of them in the N.T.?

A. The Father:

- 1. We are his Family.
- 2. We are his Children.
- 3. He is our Father.

B. Jesus.

1. He is our: Savior

Master

Redeemer

High Priest

Baptizer in the Spirit

Advocate / Lawyer

Older Brother

Gift Giver (Eph. 4)

Etc.

2. We are his:

Joint-Heirs Brothers and Sisters

Friends Covenant Partners

Bride Believers

Followers Disciples

Ministers Ambassadors

Body Etc.

C. The Holy Spirit.

1. He is our: Comforter

Counselor

Paraclete

Convincer / Convictor

Guide

Teacher

Anointer
Sanctifier
Life Giver (Rom. 8:11)
Gift Manifester (1 Cor. 12)
Empowerer
Seal / Guarantee of Salvation
Etc.

2. We are his: Temple

Contact agents with this world (Gal. 2:20)

TO KNOW HIM

Philippians 3:7-11 (NIV)

[7] But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. [8] What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of KNOWING CHRIST JESUS my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

To Be KNOWN BY HIM

Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)

[21] "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord, 'shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.
[22] "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

[23] "And then I will declare to them, 'I NEVER KNEW YOU; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

2 Peter 1:5-7 (NIV)

[5] For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; [6] and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; [7] and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

2 Peter 1:8-11 (AMP)

- [8] For as these qualities are yours and increasingly abound in you, they will keep [you] from being idle or unfruitful unto the [full personal] knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
- [9] For whoever lacks these qualities is blind, [spiritually] shortsighted, seeing only what is near to him, and has become oblivious [to the fact] that he was cleansed from his old sins.

- [10] Because of this, brethren, be all the more solicitous and eager to make sure (to ratify, to strengthen, to make steadfast) your calling and election; for if you do this, you will never stumble or fall.
- [11] Thus there will be richly and abundantly provided for you entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Daniel 11:32 (AMP)

[32] And such as violate the covenant he shall pervert and seduce with flatteries, but the people who know their God shall prove themselves strong and shall stand firm and do exploits [for God].

2 Timothy 2:19-21 (NKJV)

[19] Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His,....."

John 17:3 (NKJV)

[3] "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.