**The Scriptures Speak of Knowing Christ**

**First, we have assurance that our faith is sure**

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God … heirs of God.

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good for those who are called according to his purpose. Those he justified he also glorified.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Therefore, we *can* know Christ as Savior and Lord**

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. That hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ.

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ. We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ.

Through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Romans 5:1, 8:1, 16-17, 28, 30-31, 33, 35, 38-39; 1 Corinthians 2:2; Ephesians 1:17, 3:19; Colossians 2:2; Philippians 3:8; 1 John 5:20; 2 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Peter 3:18