

Intro

- * Break from our Bible study through/book of Revelation, completes Rev/Jesus Christ
 - * Been thinking and praying about a Thanksgiving message – all things thankful for...
 - * Jill & I doing our devotion “Renew My Heart” by John Wesley
- Romans 11:34a** “For who has known the mind of the Lord?”
- * Some/things we know, but we don’t know all...
 - * As we talked it we began to give thanks for all the things we do know!
 - * Reminded me/conversation I had with a discipleship group/listening Pastor Chuck
 - * “Because all the things we know, we can believe the things we don’t know! (yet)”

Thankful for Things We Know

Romans 11:32–36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! **34** “For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?” **35** “Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?” **36** For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Deuteronomy 29:29 - “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever...”

1. We know that God created the world and spoke the world into existence...

Hebrews 11:3a – By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God

Genesis 1:1 & 3 – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... God said

- How is that possible??? - Energy can be changed into other things –
- Electricity into Heat (Space Heaters/Furnaces/Water Heaters) into light
- Electricity into Light – Light bulb
- Mass (Wood/Coal) into Fire into Heat into steam into force into movement – Steam Engine
- Algae can be used to be used to create biofuel, heat, shade, abate street noise
- Sound waves can be turned into light and then back into soundwaves – Telephone

2. We know that the things that we see are made of things that are not seen

Heb 11:3b – so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

- Now know, speaking of atoms! Everything that we see, is made of things that we can’t see!
- How many of us say “I won’t believe in something unless I see it/understand it?”

3. We know there is a spiritual realm we cannot see that coexists with what we can see

Hebrews 2:9 – But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels...

- * We know everything is made of atoms, and we know atoms are mostly made up of space, versus mass. There is far more space in atoms than/mass of protons, neutrons & electrons.
- * Therefore we know there is more space in that wall than mass. So if I was able to somehow synchronize my mass & space w/mass/space of/wall, I could actually pass right through it!
- * Impossible you say!!! You can’t make your finger pass through your arm? Radiation?
- * Israel & Direct TV signal – can’t pass through solid objects
- * But sound waves, can they pass through solid objects? Can Heat pass through?

John 20:26 - And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!”

***We could go on about all the things we know...**

- More & more Science/Facts; Archeology & Reality of the Persons, places, things/Bible; Fulfilled prophecy; Personal Testimony & Witnesses; Unity of 66 books, 40+ authors, thousands years; Extra Biblical evidence attest to accuracy/our Bible: **Dead Sea Scrolls** (OT) (deadseascrolls.org)
- External evidences for the NT
- Example of **Mark 16:9-20** being bracketed as “not being in the original texts” meaning the Codex Sinaiticus & Vaticanus (found at Mt. Sinai & Vatican)
- But it is found in the Majority of the Texts we have written later
- And is found quoted by Iraneus who lived 130-202 AD quoting from older manuscripts!

4. We also know that God answers prayers:

* **Daniel 9:20-23** – Yes, God answering Daniel’s prayer, Giving us/70 week prophesy

Matthew 26:39 - He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”

* Recently God heard my prayer, my wife/family prayers, your prayers (1:30 am Oct 9th), prayers from States, Mexico, Thailand, England, Israel Greece – Healed me, restored me!

5. We know the Creator God Loving & Savior God!

1. Genesis 1:27 - So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them...**31** Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 3:9 - Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “**Where are you?**”

2. John 3:16–17 - For God so **loved** the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

3. John 10:28–29 - And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; **neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.** **29** My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and **no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.**

4. Mark 2:17 - When Jesus heard it, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but **those who are sick.** I did not come to **call** the **righteous**, but **sinners**, to repentance.”

5. Galatians 2:16 - knowing that a **man is not justified by the works of the law** but by **faith in Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

6. 1 Corinthians 1:30 - But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us **wisdom from God**—and **righteousness** and **sanctification** and **redemption**—

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1. Revelation 5:9 - And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed **us to God by Your blood** Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

2. Revelation 21:3–4 - And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men**, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. **4** And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”