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News of Interest

It appears that God is making it possible for the ministry of Eleutheros Books to have impact in two African countries in the days ahead. A pastor, originally from Ghana, has invited me to travel there this fall to train other pastors and Christian leaders from *The Ramifications of Our Salvation*.

The plan is to minister there for two or three weeks.

Additionally, a second course will soon be videoed for the Taongi National University's School of Religion in Liberia. This will involve thirty lectures concerning I and II Corinthians.

Please pray for these outreach ministries!

God willing, a "soulwinning seminar," comprised of three lectures, will become available in both digital and DVD format in the days ahead.

More on all these things in future newsletters.

The Omniscience of Jesus

Now we are sure that Thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask Thee: by this we believe that Thou camest forth from God (John 16:30).

The Scriptures make it very clear that God the Father knows and foreknows all things. Some may tend to ignore this truth, but consider the following:

- 1. He knows man's thoughts (Psalm 139:1-3a)
- 2. He knows man's works (Psalm 33:13-15)
- 3. He knows about His vast creation (Psalm 147:4)
- 4. He knows all spiritual things (Romans 11:33-34)
- 5. He knows man's needs (Matthew 6:8)
- 6. He knows every detail about each man (Matthew 10:30)
- 7. He knows about the possibility of events (Matthew 11:21,23)
- 8. He knows all things (Job 42:2)
- 9. He knew about the crucifixion before creation (Acts 2:23; | Peter 1:18)
- 10. He foreknows all who will be saved (I Peter 1:1-2; Romans 8:29a)

Because Jesus is just as much God as the Father is, His knowledge is also without limit!

1. The omniscience of Jesus was prophesied long before His birth.

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the Spirit of the lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of

wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:1-31).

2. He knew the thoughts of scribes and leaders who opposed Him.

And Jesus, knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts (Matthew 9:4; see also 12:25; 22:18; Mark 2:8; Luke 5:22; 6:8)?

3. He humbly acknowledged that His knowledge came from His relationship to His Father.

All things are delivered unto Me of My Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he whomsoever the Son will reveal to Him (Matthew 11:27).

4. His own countrymen were astonished at His knowledge.

And when He was come into His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works (Matthew 13:54)?

5. He knew about His betrayal before it happened.

Behold, he is at hand that doth betray Me (Matthew 26:46; see also Mark 14:42).

6. He was aware that healing power had left Him in a crowd.

Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that virtue had gone out of Him, turned about in the press, and said, Who touched My clothes (Mark 5:30).

7. The Old Testament scholars in Israel were amazed at His knowledge.

And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And II that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers (Luke 2:46-47).

8. He knew about the thoughts of His disciples.

Then arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest. Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by Him, And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in My name receiveth Me; and whosoever shall receive Me receiveth Him that sent Me: for he that is least among you...shall be great (Luke 9:46-48).

9. He knew in advance where the last supper would be held.

When ye re entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber...where I shall eat the Passover with my disciples? And he shall shew you large upper room furnished: there make ready. And they went, and found as He had said unto them (Luke 22:10-13; see Mark 14:13-15).

10. He knew Nathaniel before He physically met Him.

Nathaniel saith unto Him, Whence knowest Thou me? Jesus answered and said unto Him, Before that Philip called thee, whence thou was under the fig tree, I saw thee (John 1:48).

11. He knew all men.

Jesus did now commit Himself unto them, because He knew all men. And needed not that any should testify of man; for He knew what was in man (John 2:24; see also Revelation 2:23).

12. He knew that a group of Jews in His presence did not love His Father.

I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you (John 5:42).

- 13. He knew that there were some who followed Him but did not believe in Him.

 Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not... (John 6:64).
- 14. Jesus knew the very hour He was to give His life.

Jesus knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father (John 13:1).

15. He knew that He was doing the will of the Father.

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He was come from God, and went to God (John 13:3; see also Matthew 3:17; 17:5).

16. Peter acknowledged that He knew all things.

And he said unto Him, Lord, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee (John 21:17).

17. Paul declared that He holds all wisdom and knowledge.

In Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3).

All these things having been made clear, we would do well to realize that we may be able to fool others about certain aspects of our lives and thoughts, but we cannot fool our Savior!

In addition, surely Jesus knows what we need and how to solve every problem we might ever face! To Him be the glory forever!

Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

Walter C. Smith

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise! All laud we would render, O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee; And so let Thy glory, Almighty impart, Through Christ in His story, Thy Christ to the heart!