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## THEY DON'T KNOW BECAUSE THEY REALLY DON'T KNOW

All of us have people like them. Neighbors. Close relatives. Co-workers. Friends.

People who quite obviously do not know Jesus. They may be just plain unbelievers with no interest in God or church or anything like that. More likely, many of them actually attend churches regularly or from time to time, attending out of tradition, maybe even thinking they are doing what they are supposed to do. But you know, because you know them and are around them and see their actions and hear their words, you know they don't know Jesus. They just don't.

This insight may even extend to some who are actually involved in a church doing good works, holding a position of some sort there. But when you try to share your heart, your commitment to God, the truths you hold dear, they listen respectfully and then go on. There is no fire there. No understanding. They don't really know Jesus.

It all comes back to an essential truth that can be hard for all of us to accept. No one can come to Jesus unless his father, God the Father, draws that person to Jesus. The Lord made that point twice (John 6:44 and 6:65). And every day of our lives we can see the truth of that point.

You know, Jesus was very clear about someone truly being with him. In John 3 in dramatic fashion he explained to Nicodemus how a person must be born again, or in other translations born anew or born from above, even to see the Kingdom of God. And to be in the Kingdom a person must be born of water and the Spirit. Just after that discussion is the well-known John 3:16 where Jesus points out that whosoever believes in him shall not die but have everlasting life, the word believe there obviously being strong firm life-changing belief. John in John 1 went further to explain that when a person is born again God actually becomes their father. A person is born initially of human parents, physical human parents. But when he or she is born again, God himself becomes their father. They get a new spirit. Spiritually they are born again. The rest of their lives they are working things out to renew their minds and to gain full control over their physical bodies.

If someone truly knows the Lord and is a member of the Kingdom, they can't listen passively to discussions of Jesus and his truths and then go on to daily activities without any reaction. They just can't.

But it is so hard. For us. We want our children and grandchildren, our spouses, our parents, our neighbors, our friends, everyone to truly know the Lord, to be born anew, to be in the Kingdom. It is just not something we can completely do. That fulfillment belongs to God.

I remember one precious older lady who attended several of our programs years ago. She was so concerned about her son, who was in his fifties and was involved with drugs and quite obviously lost. For so long she had prayed for him to be saved. And she would ask me about that. More than once. And the only real answer is that no one can make another be a true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. No one.

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But we can take action. We can pray that the Father would draw that person to Jesus. And as possible and led by the Holy Spirit, we can share the truths of the gospel with that person. Sometimes that itself is just not possible easily. In that case – and in fact always – we should ask the Holy Spirit to orchestrate opportunities for us or someone else as appropriate to be able to share those truths with the person.

It all comes down to this. God himself is collecting a group of people. The CHURCH. True born again, spirit filled believers in Jesus Christ. I've always liked a definition of the CHURCH that I encountered some years ago – it is a collection of people who have been called out of the world and are part of a new society headed by Jesus. That is the CHURCH. It is not a collection of buildings or denominations or anything like that. It is a collection of human beings who know the Lord.

One time years ago late in the wee hours of the night, maybe around two or three in the AM, in a time of prayer and communion with God, suddenly the Lord said to me, “John, they don't know because they really don't know.”

That is the truth of it all. These many people – and they make up the vast majority of humanity – just don't know. It is not that they are intentionally opposing you. It is not that they are intentionally trying not to know. It is not that they are so evil they refuse to accept God. None of that. They just don't know. Just like I don't know how to design a nuclear reactor or write a musical piece like Beethoven wrote. I just don't know those things. And all these lost people just don't know Jesus. They don't know God. They don't even know what they don't know. And they can't know unless the Father leads them to Christ.

So keep praying for God the Father to lead all those lost people you know to Jesus. And keep asking the Holy Spirit to orchestrate whatever opportunities and openings he would for you to share the gospel with them in ways they might receive and understand. Keep your eyes on Jesus at all times. Realize we are near the end of the age and the Lord is coming very soon. And realize that you are not going to save everybody. In fact you can't completely save anyone. Only God can lead someone to Jesus.

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## THOMAS AND ANN AND THE WATER TANK



In early June all on our email distribution list received a request for donations to help us help Thomas and Ann in Kenya get a water tank. Our ministry has helped them and their evangelical ministry and church and orphanage for several years. Our focus has been primarily to help in their ministry and church, but at times we have helped them with specific items that seemed a great improvement in their ability to go forward – for example, a laptop and a solar panel that provides electricity and a cow.

They have to retrieve water physically from a river that is not close and is down a hill from their location. I doubt if any of us can conceive of how difficult and exhausting this must be. Water is really heavy, and we are talking about the needs of fifteen children plus Thomas and Ann and the cow. Ann has been carrying water but she has been ill several times recently and the doctor has told her not to do this. We have prayed for her healing over the telephone.

Thomas spends what must be a great deal of time getting and lugging water for their needs and the needs of their cow. This can't be good long term and it keeps Thomas from doing other things in his role as minister and father.

Well, thanks to God, some donations came in, we were able to help, and Thomas and

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Ann have acquired a large 5000 liter tank (1320 gallons). Thomas is now in the process of hooking it up. The picture here shows the new tank, with Ann standing beside it. This tank will be a great help. Thomas and Ann have asked us to thank all who donated for the tank. And we of course are very grateful to all who did.

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## **ALL GOOD, BUT JUST NEVER FORGET**

So I hear people teaching and preaching and praising God – Father, Son Jesus, the Holy Spirit. Praising his love, his forgiveness, his goodness. And well they should.

And among those who know the truths of the gospel and all that Jesus has done for us, I see some people seeking and receiving divine healing – that wonderful gift. Yes, Jesus did take our sicknesses and diseases and pain upon himself, and by his stripes we are healed and made whole. The gospel is a gospel of power. True believers in the Lord Jesus Christ have all sorts of authority in him. In Jesus we can take all sorts of actions.

All these points are valid and good and strong and important. Even beyond, I see believers and church leaders praying for the United States – for it to turn back to God, for moral breakthrough, for a return to former greatness, for long term survival and prosperity. Well, this is also good.

Now the caveat: While all of these good things are being done, we are also steadily moving ever closer to the actual return of the Lord, to the gathering away of the believers, to the seven year Tribulation and all that entails. And there does not appear to be much teaching or warning at all about this.

I have no choice. The Lord has specifically called me to get the return message out. I still remember when I was standing in front of a group preaching and Jesus said right in my ear, “John, tell them who I am and that I am coming soon.” He has never relented in that. Quite the contrary. I too love talking about Jesus and the full gospel. And I too love healing people in his name. But in the end, the Lord is returning. The appointed date is the appointed date. People need to know the truth. That is why I so publicize all the Biblical prophecies that have been fulfilled beginning early in the last century up to today.

Yes, by all means teach the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit and heal the sick. That has long been neglected by the churches. Teach the gospel. How is anyone to go with him if they haven’t received him as their Lord? The answer is they can’t. But by all means also make people aware of the times we are living in. These are the last days. Nice pleasant church buildings with social times and sermons that never get into the key truths of the gospel and the times help no one.

Never forget we are right at the end of the age. The return of Jesus will happen at the appointed time. It will happen. Let me put it bluntly: Considering all the prophecies that have been fulfilled, all the events I have written so much about, the Lord’s gathering away his believers, the revealing of the anti-christ, the beginning of the seven year tribulation, then Armageddon, all have to happen reasonably soon in human time terms, or we will just have to discard the Bible. And we are surely not going to do that, are we. No. It is the greatest book ever written, and the only book of absolute truth we have.

We know the season, as Jesus said we could. Just make sure you stay focused on him and the entire gospel.

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## **GOD MOMENTS NOW BEING SENT TO ALL ON EMAIL LIST**

Beginning a couple months ago, we have periodically been sending a new email publication we are calling GOD MOMENTS to all on our email distribution list. The purpose is pretty obvious – to encourage all of us, to give clear real examples of God’s hand in our lives, to remind us that God is active right now every day. These moments vary from dramatic divine healings to all sorts of miracles. We hope you will send them on to others to encourage them, just as we hope you send along the other publications and the newsletter. And if you have an email address but have not let us know, please send us that address to be included in this. If you have missed any of these, there are two suggestions. My blog contains all of the email publications. Just click on John’s blog in the menu on the home page of our web site. Or go to [johnnewlin.blogspot.com](http://johnnewlin.blogspot.com). The article box on the home page of the web site also always has the three most recent email publications listed, and you can click on each to read.

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## **A REQUEST AND THANKS**

I know there are many who receive through these newsletters and other of our publications and resources. I hear and receive comments to that effect. And I know from our web statistics that the ministry is reaching people far away and close by, people in all the nooks and corners of the earth. I also know there aren’t many ways this type of information is getting out otherwise to the public at large. So I ask that all of you who aren’t contributing please consider joining those partners who already contribute so that this ministry may continue to reach those God would have it reach. It does take funds to operate in this world environment, as you all know. Our great thanks to those who do contribute now and to those who will take up this challenge and do so.

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*May you live in the blessings of the Lord always. And always,*

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***John***

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