

Better Knowing the God of the Word

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. John 1:1-4 (KJV)

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? Romans 10:12-16 (KJV)



This is a picture of my Maternal grandfather, McKinley Davis, Sr. (1901-2002). He was born in the family of share croppers on a plantation in Durant, Mississippi. He and most his siblings never learned how to read or write. But, this great man assisted in raising generations of believers in Christ without reading one word in the scriptures. Because of his influence, and the influence of many of his contemporaries, those who never met him are still more accepting Jesus as Savior today. How did this take place? How did he know the Bible without knowing the Bible? "Daddy-Boom", as he was

affectionately known to his grand and great grandchildren, grew in relationship with his Savior Jesus. He quoted scripture as if he grew up reading the Bible.

The above text in St. John declares that Jesus *is* the Word. Heaven's acknowledgement and the title that He carries there is ***the Word*** (1 John 5:7). In context, if one has a relationship with Jesus, he or she subsequently has direct relationship with ***The Word***. Many have studied the Holy Writ while adding no cognitive value to truly know the God of the Word. The epitaph is that one may be familiar with the words on the pages of a book, but may very well miss the valued intimacy and relational strength of knowing Jesus. Faith comes by hearing. The deliverables of faith are based on ***the who***, not the what. Relationship with Jesus (the Word), gives peace, joy, and an intimate knowledge of knowing our Heavenly Father.

For those of us who are blessed to be able to read and comprehend, it is prudent to open scripture and study (2 Timothy 2:15). But, without finding intimate relationship with the Father of Lights, they will simply be words in sentences, on pages in a book. McKinley Davis, Sr. couldn't read the Bible, but he had correlative relationship with the God of the Word. We encourage you to find your place in Christ, with Christ, for while ***It is good to know the Word of God; it is better to know the God of the Word***