

## ***How Can I Know God Personally?***

***Acts 16:30-31***

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### **Who Can Know God Personally?**

#### **1. Those Who Are SEARCHING Will Find God:**

***Acts 8:26***, *Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”* <sup>27</sup>*So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship,* <sup>28</sup>*and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet.* <sup>29</sup>*The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”* <sup>30</sup>*Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.* <sup>31</sup>*“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?”* So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>*The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so He did not open His mouth ...”* <sup>34</sup>*The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?”* <sup>35</sup>*Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.* <sup>36</sup>*As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?”* <sup>38</sup>*And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.*

#### **2. Those Who Are HATEFUL Can Know God:**

***Acts 9:1***, *But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest* <sup>2</sup>*and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.* <sup>3</sup>*Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.* <sup>4</sup>*And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”* <sup>5</sup>*And he said, “Who are you, Lord?”* And He said, *“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.* <sup>6</sup>*But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”*... <sup>10</sup>*Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.”* And he said, *“Here I am, Lord.”* <sup>11</sup>*And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying,* <sup>12</sup>*and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”* <sup>13</sup>*But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to Your saints at Jerusalem.* <sup>14</sup>*And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.”* <sup>15</sup>*But the Lord said to him, “Go...”*

#### **3. Those Who Are SINFUL Can Know God:**

***John 4:1***, *Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John...* <sup>3</sup>*He left Judea and departed again for Galilee.* <sup>4</sup>*And He had to pass through Samaria.* <sup>5</sup>*So He came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.* <sup>6</sup>*Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as He was from His journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.* <sup>7</sup>*A woman from Samaria came to*

draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.”<sup>8</sup> (For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to Him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”<sup>11</sup> The woman said to Him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”<sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

### **You Can Know God!**

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#### **Take Action:**

- 1) Accept God’s offer of salvation today!
- 2) If you have a question about Christianity that I didn’t answer during this Explore God series, you can ask that question at #askjohnmark @askjohnmark or askjohnmark@cottonwoodcreek.org and I will try and answer it in next Sunday’s Worship Services.