

# I CAN KNOW THAT I KNOW

## JOHN 7:16-18

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: “Glory...is the true apprehension of God...Giving glory to God is ascribing to Him His full recognition.” Spiros Zodhiates, The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament, p. 478. He deserves all our honor and glory! The people, their leaders, and even Jesus’ family missed believing in Him because they did not have a true apprehension of God.

**JESUS’ TEACHING IS GOD’S TEACHING.** God’s prophets taught God’s messages as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. During Jesus’ days on earth, God spoke and taught through His Son, who was the exact representation of God. Today God teaches us through His written Word and the Holy Spirit with God-given faith. I can be filled with the Holy Spirit and can know that Jesus’ teaching is God’s teaching. (**John 7:16, II Peter 1:19-21, fn 1:20, 21, Hebrews 1:1-3, fn 1:3[1<sup>st</sup>], Ephesians 2:8, 9, fn 2:8, 9, Ephesians 5:18, fn 5:18, Ephesians 1:13, 14, fn 1:13, 14**) *In two words, how can you be filled with (or controlled by) the Holy Spirit?*

**THE HOLY SPIRIT LED ME TO JESUS.** My life under sin’s grasp could not improve. With the pleasures of this world exhausted and a sin-laden life unfulfilled, my heart cried out to God. The Holy Spirit led me to Jesus, and by His will He forgave my sin and led me to believe. (**John 7:17, fn 7:16-18, Psalm 25:14, fn 25:14, John 5:24, fn 5:24, John 14:15-21, fn 14:18, II Corinthians 1:21, 22, fn 1:21, 22**) *How do you know that you know the Holy Spirit lives in you?*

**JESUS GLORIFIES GOD.** From Jesus’ model of humility, springs the foundation of the character of all born-again believers. In His every action and reaction, Jesus glorified the Father. (He made Him look good!) I can glorify God in my actions and reactions because I can live by the power of the Holy Spirit. (**John 7:18, John 12:27, 28, fn 12:27, John 15:5-8, fn 5:8, John 17:1-10, fn 17:10, I Peter 4:12-16, fn 4:14-16**) *How could your actions and reactions glorify Jesus?*

*Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?*