

Overcoming Denominational Barriers Part 1 Drawing Closer to God

Foundational Scriptures:

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Hab 2:14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Overview:

Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? whom shall he make to understand doctrine? [them that are] weaned from the milk, drawn from the breasts.

Isa 28:10 For precept [must be] upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little:

Dan 12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words [are] closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

A. Drawing Closer to God.

Jam 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [ye] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [ye] double minded.

Jam 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves v23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: v24 For he beholds himself, and goes his way, and straightway forgets what manner of man he was.

Jam 1:25 But whoso looks into the perfect law of liberty, and continues [therein], he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Dan 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, [even] to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

B. Stepping Stones to God.

God provides specific paths in His written Word by which we can grow closer to Him, by which we can know Him better, by which we can become more intimate with Him and by which we can serve Him better. Some major ones are:

The Five Baptisms (Heb 6:2 and Salvation Part 14)

The Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23 and Salvation 18)

The Gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor 12:7-11 and Salvation 32)

Holy Communion (1 Cor 10:16; 11:23-26 and Salvation 34)

Prayers (Ephesians 1:17-23, 3:14-21)