

How to Be a Black Belt for the Kingdom!

Faith

Excellence

Knowledge

Self-control

Steadfastness

Godliness

Brotherly affection

Love

White belt

Yellow belt

Orange belt

Green belt

Blue belt

Purple belt

Brown belt

Black belt

John 17:3

And this is eternal life,
that they know you the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 21:24

This is the disciple who testifies to these things
and who wrote them down.
We know that his testimony is true.

John 4:42

They said to the woman,
“We no longer believe
just because of what you said;
now we have heard for ourselves,
and we know that this man really is
the Savior of the world.”

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KARMA:

- What goes around comes around...
- To every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.
- An eye for an eye...
- Justice...

Acts 17:19

Then they took him and brought him
to a meeting of the Areopagus,
where they said to him,
“May we know what this new teaching is
that you are presenting?”

Acts 17:30-31

“In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.”

Romans 2:2

Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth.

Psalm 1:1

Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers...

1 John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from him
and declare to you:

God is light;
and in him there is no darkness at all.

If we claim to have fellowship with him
yet walk in the darkness,
we lie and do not live by the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus, his Son,
purifies us from all sin.

1 John 4:14-16

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent
his Son to be the Savior of the world.

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God lives in him and he in God.

And so we know and rely on
the love God has for us.

God is love.
Whoever lives in love lives in God,
and God in him.

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GRACE:

- Unmerited favor...
- Unearned love and forgiveness...
- Mercy...
- Puts the “good” in good news!

Galatians 2:15-16

We who are Jews by birth and not 'Gentile sinners' know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ.

So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

Romans 6:6-11

For we know that our old self was crucified with him
so that the body of sin might be done away with,
that we should no longer be slaves to sin –
because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

Now if we died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.

Romans 6:6-11

For we know that since Christ was raised
from the dead, he cannot die again;
death no longer has mastery over him.
The death he died, he died to sin once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin
but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

John 6:68-69

Simon Peter answered him,
“Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
We believe and know
that you are the Holy One of God.”

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose.

Jeremiah 29:11

I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD,
plans for wholeness and not for evil,
to give you a future and a hope.

2 Corinthians 4:14

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus
from the dead will also raise us with Jesus
and present us with you in his presence.

2 Corinthians 5:1

We know that if the earthly tent we live in
is destroyed, we have a building from God,
an eternal house in heaven,
not built by human hands.

1 John 3:1-2

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!

And that is what we are!

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.

Dear friends, now we are children of God,
and what we will be has not yet been made known.

But we know that when he appears,
we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

1 John 5:18-20

We know that anyone born of God
does not continue to sin;
the one who was born of God keeps him safe,
and the evil one cannot harm him.

We know that we are children of God,
and that the whole world is under the control
of the evil one.

We know also that the Son of God has come
and has given us understanding,
so that we may know him who is true.

And we are in him who is true –
even in his Son Jesus Christ.
He is the true God and eternal life.

1 John 2:3

We know that we have come to know him
if we obey his commands.

1 John 3:14

We know that we have passed from death to life,
because we love our brothers.
Anyone who does not love remains in death.

1 John 3:18-19

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue
but with actions and in truth.

This then is how we know that we belong to the truth,
and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence
whenever our hearts condemn us.

For God is greater than our hearts,
and he knows everything.

1 John 5:2

This is how we know that we love the children of God:
by loving God and carrying out his commands.

1 John 3:24

And this is how we know that he lives in us:
We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

1 John 4:13

We know that we live in him and he in us,
because he has given us of his Spirit.

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

~T.S. Eliot, "Little Gidding"
(the last of his *Four Quartets*)

Religion made simple by the person of Christ:

- Know him; know what he's like.
- Trust him; trust in him.
- Rejoice, and be thankful.
- Be like him.
- Share the good news with others!