

...Abraham was saved by faith, without works, and James says that Abraham was not saved by faith without works, but that faith without works is dead. They're both true but they're using the word faith in a different sense. And words are a very poor means, but the best we have in attempting to express ideas, and we have to interpret the word in the right sense, to find what the idea is that we're trying to express here. We have to. There's no other way that we can get the thought across. Yes?

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 ...I very much attracted by that. I'm not quite sure though that, ~~it's~~ ^{as} expressed, ~~clearly~~ that it's altogether effective. I think this is too. I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me, would certainly mean that here was Cyrus being brought up as a boy, given his name. Here's some fellow named Cyrus, and he has never heard of the God of Israel, ~~if~~ he doesn't know there is such a God, he knows nothing of him as he is growing up as a boy, and yet though he knows nothing about God, God has 100 years before he was born, given this name in the prophecy of Isaiah, so he surnamed him, even though he doesn't know anything about him then, but of course when he lets the Israelites go back ~~if~~ he certainly knew that they were in Israel and that they had a God, and he gave orders that they were to take the vessels of the temple with them. They went, ~~so~~ he knew about their existence of God. He didn't know God in the full sense of the word, as far as we know, to have a real intimate knowledge of Him or anything like that, but I would incline to think that what this means is that Cyrus is brought up in ignorance of God but that God nevertheless has named ~~the~~ Cyrus long before Cyrus is born. I incline to think that's what it means, and that's probably as substantially what (1 3/4) means, though I--I would imagine that is what he meant. (student 2)

Yes, I think certainly God surnamed Cyrus, God called him by his name before he even existed, but I think that is true, but is that what the words, "though thou hast not known me" means? That I would be skeptical about. How would you get that out of those words? (student. 2 1/2)