Knowing God
Growing In God

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- (John 17:3 NIV) Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

- It’s One Thing To **Believe In God**
  It’s Another Thing To **Know God**

- Eternal Life Comes In Knowing Him
We Must Know Who God Is:

(Deu 7:9 NIV) Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.
• **Who God Is Cannot Changed By What Man Thinks About God**

• (Isa 40:28 NIV) Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.
To Know God In A Deeper Way -- We Must Grow In Our Walk With Him

(Eph 1:17 NIV) I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.
• Many People Know Who God Is -- But They Don’t Know God

• For Those Who Don’t’ Know God -- The World Becomes A Strange, Mad, Painful, Place
Who Is God?

“God Is An Infinite, Eternal Spirit. The Self-Existent Creator Of The Universe And The Sovereign Over It.”

God Is Unchangeable In His Being, Wisdom, Power, Holiness, Justice, Goodness, And Truth
• No One Created God -- He Has Always Been -- He Will Always Be

• (Acts 17:24 NIV) "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. (25) And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

Knowing God
We Study God So We Can Have A More Intimate & Meaningful Relationship With Him
• **God Is Eternal**
  • (Psa 90:2 NIV) Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

• **God Is Unchanging**
  • (Mal 3:6 NIV) "I the LORD do not change."
God Is Omnipresent -- Everywhere

(Psa 139:7 NIV) Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? (8) If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
God Is Omniscient -- All Knowing

- God Knows About People & Circumstances
- He Sees The Beginning From The End
- He Provides For Those Who Serve Him
• **God Is Omnipotent -- All-Powerful**

• (Mark 10:27 NIV) ... "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."
God Wants Us To Be Holy

(1 Pet 1:16 NIV) ... "Be holy, because I am holy."

God Wants Us To Be Loving

(1 John 4:8 NIV) Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.
• **God Wants Us To Be Just**

  (Rev 15:3b NIV) ... "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

• **God Wants Us To Be Merciful**

  (Titus 3:5a NIV) He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.
God Wants Us To Be Good

Goodness = That Which Is Admirable, Attractive And Praiseworthy
• Even The Greatest Mind Cannot Fathom The Greatness Of God

• We Study God So That We Can Know Him And Become More Like Him
(Jer 18:3 NIV) So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. (4) But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

**When We Yield Our Lives To The Hand Of The Potter He Can Make Us Into Useful Vessels For His Kingdom**