



Knowing God Better

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Memory Verse - Psalm 46:10

"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

Study Aim

- To learn the importance of pursuing the goal of knowing God better and how to go about achieving this goal.
- To learn practical ways that we can strive to know God better and what that will do for our lives.
- Read Psalm 46:10 & Ephesians 1:15-19

Set the Stage

- Paul begins his letter to the Christians in Ephesus with a prayer. He does not pray for their circumstances to change, instead he prays for them **to know God better**.
 - He doesn't pray for material things but rather spiritual wisdom.

- Knowing God is the ultimate goal or achievement in life. What we know to be true about God is the most important thing about us.

THE BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

Realize That God Loves You.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
(John 3:16).

The Bible Says That All Men Are Sinners.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."
(Romans 3:23).

God's Word Also Says That Sin Must Be Paid For.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" **(Romans 6:23).**

The Good News Is That Jesus Christ Paid for Your Sins.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." **(Romans 5:8).**

You Must Personally Call on Jesus Christ to Save You.

The Bible Says, *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."* **(Romans 10:13).**

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Take it to the Next Level**1. Knowing God through a Relationship**

- Knowing God personally.
 - *“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” John 17:3*
- Knowing God increasingly.
 - *“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death”*
Philippians 3:10
- Knowing God perfectly.
 - *“For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.” 1 Corinthians 13:9-10*

2. Knowing God through Wisdom & Understanding.

- The ability to see and understand God.
- The ability to see things from God's perspective.
- The ability to understand yourself and others.

Take Your Next Step**• How can you know God better?**

1. Learn about God through relationship.
2. Learn about God from His Word.
3. Learn about God through life and trials.
4. Learn about God by being open and teachable.

Taking it Further

- Read Colossians 1:9-11. What is Paul's prayer for the Christians in the town of Colossi? How is this prayer similar to the prayer for the Ephesians? What does this tell us?
- What results does Paul want to see from these believers knowing God better? How can this help you in your life?