

Knowing God

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I. Introduction.

- A. Christianity can be boiled down to trust.
- B. One's life would look very different if he really trusted God.
- C. The reason we do not trust God is that we do not really know Him.

II. Knowing God is the same as knowing Christ. Jesus is as close as one will ever get to know the Father. (John 13-14)

III. Knowing God involves knowing about Christ.

- A. This is reading about Jesus and learning about Him.
- B. This is the mental side of it.

IV. Knowing God demands shared experiences.

- A. Text: Psalm 15.
- B. The Bible does not tell how to know God; it tells us who knows God.
- C. God reveals Himself to the person who wants to know God for the sake of knowing Him.
- D. Obedient people get to know Him.

1. This is the daily kind of obedience.
2. This is not a perfect person, but one who has dealt with wrongs of the past.
3. This person does what is right as a lifestyle.

E. God wants a relationship with a person, so there has to be respect. The clearest indication of our respect for God is obedience to Him when it does not seem to matter.

1. This one stands with the righteous against the unrighteous.
2. This one is obedient even when it hurts.
3. This one looks out for innocent people.

F. The price that we can pay is that we can possibly live our whole life and not know God.

Application questions:

1. Why is respect so important to God?

2. Why does our image of a soft-spoken old man not do justice to the biblical picture given of God?

3. How is your relationship with God? What can you do to shore up your obedience in every aspect of life? Explain.
