

# **Knowing God**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Many people say they know God.
- B. Some of these simply know about God and do not really know God.
- C. We need to know God in a relationship that He Himself will acknowledge.

## II. Knowing God begins with a genuine experience with Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:1-4)

- A. It is a personal experience. (1 John 1:1)
- B. It is a powerful, life-changing experience. (1 John 1:2)
- C. It is a purposeful experience:
  - 1. To share to Christ with others. (1 John 1:3)
  - 2. To strengthen Christians who do know Him.
  - 3. When we fulfill our purpose (1 & 2), then we experience satisfaction in our Christian life.

## III. Knowing God continues to grow as we have a genuine examination of the Scriptures. (1 John 1:5-10)

- A. Through the Bible, you can know the character of God.
  - 1. We will know God through His Word.
  - 2. We need daily examination of His Word.
- B. We can have communion with God. (1 John 1:7)
  - 1. By kneeling at the cross of Jesus Christ:
    - a. For forgiveness.
    - b. To maintain fellowship by confessing our sins.
  - 2. When we walk in the light:
    - a. Obedient to His Word.
    - b. Surrendered to His will.

IV. Knowing God involves a genuine expression of holiness:

- A. Purity. (1 John 2:1)
- B. Humility. (1 John 2:1)
- C. Obedience to God's Word. (1 John 2:3-4)
- D. Maturity. (1 John 2:5-6)
- E. Unity with other believers. (1 John 2:9)
- F. Loyalty to Jesus Christ. (1 John 2:15)

V. Knowing God involves a genuine expectation of seeing God face-to-face.

A. It is the "last hour".

1. There are Anti-Christ's in the world and in the church.

a) Watch out!

2. Stay in the Word of God:

a) **Hear** it from Godly pastor-teachers.

b) **Read** it daily.

c) **Study** it regularly.

d) **Memorize** key verses every week.

e) **Meditate** on the verses you read, study and memorize.

f) **Apply** the Word to your daily life.

g) **Proclaim** the Word to others as you are going.

3. Stand firm.

4. We look forward to His return!

a. With confidence. (1 John 2:28)

b. With comfort. (1 John 3:1)

c. With conviction. (1 John 3:2)

d. With commitment to live each day as if it were the last. (1 John 3:3)