

Opening Message Rochester, MN

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I. Introduction.

A. We need to make sure we know which God we believe in. (Deuteronomy 6)

B. We can be sure in our love for God in how we came to know him. (John 14:6)

II. We get to know God by...

A. Conversion. (John 3; Revelation 3:20)

1. This requires repentance.

2. Stubbornness of the will and a lack of repentance will keep us from knowing God. (Luke 13:3-5; Mark 6; Luke 24; Acts 17)

3. Repentance is a change of mind that produces a change of action.

B. The Word of God. We should believe what we believe because of the Word of God.

C. Spending time with God.

D. Looking at the lives of godly people.

E. Looking at all that God has made around us. (Romans 1:20)

F. Christ living in us. (Colossians 1:27-28)

III. We love God by obeying God and helping other people. (1 John 5:3; John 14:21; Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22; John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:20; 3:10)

IV. Why God put us here: to glorify him. (Isaiah 43:7)

V. We glorify God by...

A. Praising him. (Psalm 50:23)

B. The life we live. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

C. Bearing fruit. (John 15:8; Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:16)

D. Allowing Jesus to be Lord. (Philippians 2)

VI. How to know the will of God for your life: the will of God is to be more like Jesus. (Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:13; 2 Peter 3:9; Luke 19:10; John 12:32; Psalm 20:21; John 17:18)

Application questions:

1. What can you do to improve your relationship with God?

2. What are some practical ways of glorifying God?

3. What does God's will refer to? Explain.
