

Talk It Over August 13-14, 2022

"[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death." - Philippians 3:10 (AMPC)

"Thus says the Lord: 'Let not the wise and skillful person glory and boast in his wisdom and skill; let not the mighty and powerful person glory and boast in his strength and power; let not the person who is rich [in physical gratification and earthly wealth] glory and boast in his [temporal satisfactions and earthly] riches; But let him who glories glory in this: that he understands and knows Me [personally and practically, directly discerning and recognizing My character], that I am the Lord, Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the Earth, for in these things I delight,' says the Lord." - Jeremiah 9:23-24 (AMPC)

"And this is eternal life: [it means] to know (to perceive, recognize, become acquainted with, and understand) You, the only true and real God, and [likewise] to know Him, Jesus [as the] Christ (the Anointed One, the Messiah), Whom You have sent." - John 17:3 (AMPC)

Our knowledge of God increases His capacity to reproduce Himself in us.

You will never understand life, your purpose, your destiny until you come to know Him intimately, personally.

The challenge is that many believers don't know Him in the way He wants and desires us to know Him.

Our worship of Him is always limited to our intimate knowledge of Him.

Many Christians are more interested in the principles of God than in the person of God. They serve Him, give to Him, receive from Him, but never enter into an intimate, passionate relationship with Him.

The depth of our worship is always proportional to the extent of our revelation of God.

It is this ignorance of and lack of personal intimacy with Him that is the cause of the church's weakness today.

When one comes to really know Him, He expands our capacity for life.

Our greatest hindrances, most profound limitations to living our complete God-self, comes when we try to live in this world without a personal, passionate, intimate relationship with the God Who created us and it.

During this series, we will focus on five foundational truths of the knowledge of God we have access to.

- 1) God spoke to man in the beginning and is still speaking to him through His Word and by His Spirit, making us wise unto salvation.
- 2) God is the Creator and sovereign Lord over the Universe; He rules all things for His own glory, displaying His excellence and perfection in all His works so that angels and men will worship Him.
- 3) God is Savior, Healer, Deliverer, acting in perfect love through His Son Jesus to rescue those under the power of guilt and sin, adopt them and declare them as His sons and daughters.
- 4) God the Father, Jesus His Son, and the Holy Spirit make up the Godhead and work together in our salvation. The Father purposes redemption, Jesus secures it by His cross, and the Holy Spirit activates it within and through us.
- 5) Godliness is the direct and exclusive consequence of God's activity within and through man. It is a life lived in the light of God's Word with trust and obedience.

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Additional Scriptures: Ephesians 3:20 (TPT); Jeremiah 6:16 (AMPC)

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