

## The Kingdom Perspective Knowing God & Eternal Life

Hello. This is Pastor Don Willeman of Christ Redeemer Church. Welcome to The Kingdom Perspective.

Have you ever heard that old expression: "It's not what you know, it's who you know"? Well, there is a mountain of spiritual truth in this little pebble of worldly wisdom. Absolutely nothing is more important in life than knowing the One who made you. Of all the relationships in your life, your relationship with your Creator is most critical.

Look, this only stands to reason. If God is the very One who designed you and sustains you, then knowing Him is necessary to truly understanding yourself and your purpose in the world. Who am I? Why am I here? What's the purpose of my life? What's my destiny?

Jesus at the end of his earthly life had this to say, "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (John 17:3). The implication is clear. If you want to have eternal life, then you must KNOW God and therefore KNOW Jesus. Life is about God. Indeed "eternal life" is synonymous with knowing Him. Being in relationship with Him is eternal life.

So, have you ever thought much about the state of your relationship with God? Do you know whether you know God at all? Nothing could be more critical if you desire the reality of true life.

Something to think about from The Kingdom Perspective.

"Jesus spoke these things; and raising His eyes to heaven, He said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, so that the Son may glorify You, just as You gave Him authority over all mankind, so that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I glorified You on the earth by accomplishing the work which You have given Me to do. And now You, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world existed."

~ John 17:1-5 (NASB)