

Knowing God – John 17:1-3
(God Series Lesson – 1 2 Chronicles 7:13-14)
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Introduction

1. This series will have theology, but the interest is devotional. It concerns a personal relationship/walk with God. How is your walk with God? All God wants from us is a daily walk with Him.
 2. We must never forget, Christianity is a “God Religion.” Eternal life is knowing God and Jesus.
- I. Man Cannot Know God
- a. God! God the infinite, immutable, eternal holy God!
 - i. God is the greatest thought man can think. Our concept of God will determine our worship, service, our very lives.
 - ii. Man cannot see the Holy and live (John 1:18; 1 Timothy 6:15-16).
 1. We are finite; He is infinite.
 2. We are in time; God is in eternity.
 3. We are sinful; God is holy.
 4. We are of the world; God is of the Spirit.
 - iii. Having a relationship with God is mindboggling! Man has no right to decide what God is supposed to be like. Knowing “about” God and knowing God are two different things.
 - iv. Man cannot seek out, find, possess, or control God. We all want God yet man of himself cannot find or see God.
- II. Man Can Know God
- a. God wants us to know Him (1 Corinthians 13:12)
 - i. Man does not find God; God comes to us. He seeks us out and reveals Himself through men, these revelations are found in the Bible.
 - ii. The earth and universe declare God’s glory (Psalm 19). No one has an excuse to say God doesn’t exist (Romans 1). God is seen in experience, history, Scripture, tradition, and reason.
 - iii. The ultimate revelation is Jesus! This is God, dying on the cross with outstretched arms to sinners (John 12:32)
 - iv. We start to seek only to be found. We need to find satisfaction in God.
 - b. Man Obeys God
 - i. God can only be known through trusting obedience (Ecclesiastes 12:13). God doesn’t ask for the extreme like speaking in tongues or performing miracles. He wants practice, practice, practice! We call this a daily walk with God.
 - c. God is Goodness (Matthew 5:8; 23:23; Micah 6:8)
 - i. God does not explain Himself. He just is. God is goodness; God is character.
 - d. God is Love (1 John 4:8,16)
 - i. To know love is to know God (Ephesians 3:14-21).