

# THE BLESSINGS OF KNOWING GOD Text: Jn 17:3

1. **There is no greater study than the study of God—** *–Bill Turner*  
**and no great understanding than knowing God...**
    - No Other Study Will **Humble** the Mind more than understanding His perfect Holiness
    - No Other Study Will **Expand** the Mind more as we realize His awesome power and glory
    - No Other Study Will **Strengthen** the Mind more as we accept the Truth of God
    - No Other Study Will Bring more **Comfort and Peace** to the Mind than that of Knowing God
  2. **Even During the most difficult times—God says ‘Be Still and Know that I Am God’**  
***Let’s Look at — Five Blessings of Knowing God***
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## I. THE BLESSINGS OF KNOWING GOD

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### A. KNOWING GOD GIVES PURPOSE AND MEANING FOR LIFE

1. **The deepest questions of the heart have to do with meaning and purpose...**
  - a) Who am I? Where am I From? Why am I Here? Where am I Going?
  - b) These Existential questions are deep in the heart of every person who has ever lived
  - c) This is man’s search for meaning
2. **But Apart from God, man doesn’t have answers to his own deepest questions**
  - a) The mystery of life is an enigma that can’t be solved by the limited, incomplete knowledge of mankind.
  - b) The Theories of Man are Always changing in a constant state of flux
  - c) They are weak and inadequate to answer all of life’s questions
  - d) And they leave people confused, uncertain and without hope.
3. **Knowing God Gives Us the Answers of Meaning and Purpose to Life**
  - a) You’re Not a random result of evolution...
  - b) You’re Not an Accident, You’re not a Mistake,
  - c) Your Not an invasive species
  - d) Your not just a Biological Life Form
4. **You are created by God in His image, with a soul of immense value!**  
**Your soul is worth more than the whole world!**
  - a) Knowing God Reveals There is Purpose and Meaning to All of Creation...
    - (1) To The Universe (**Psalm 19:1**)
    - (2) To The Earth (**Isaiah 45:18**)
    - (3) To All of Humanity (**Psalm 8:3–5**)
5. **Knowing God Reveals There is Purpose and Meaning to All of History**
  - a) History is Not Just a Series of Random, Meaningless Events (we have those too...)
  - b) History itself is moving toward a fulfillment of God’s purpose...
  - c) An Apex Event of the Last Day – (**Daniel 12:1–3**)
  - d) A Time when there will be no more time (**1 Corinthians 15:51–53**)
  - e) A Time when God Will separate the evil from the good...

**We Read the end of the book and we know who wins!**

## **B. KNOWING THE TRUTH OF GOD SETS US FREE**

- 1. And Jesus said: You will know the truth and the Truth will set you free**
  - a) He was speaking in spiritual terms (**John 8:31–32**)
- 2. Jesus Came to Set the Captives Free!**
  - a) He Began His Ministry Quoting This Prophecy concerning Himself (Luke 4:16–21)
- 3. Because of Jesus' Atoning Sacrifice on the Cross... We Are Set Free...**
  - a) Free From Condemnation (**Rom 8:1**) Whatever you've done in your past—It's Gone
  - b) Free From Power of Darkness (**Colossians 1:12–13**)
  - c) Free From the Penalty of Sin (**Colossians 1:14**)
  - d) Free From Fear (**Hebrews 2:14–15**)
  - e) We Are Free in Christ! (**Romans 8:2; Gal 5:1**)

## **C. KNOWING GOD ELEVATES AND EXPANDS OUR UNDERSTANDING TO HONOR AND PRAISE HIM IN WORSHIP**

- 1. Those Who Do Not Know God worship what they do not know (Jn 4:19–22)**
- 2. God wants us to Worship Him in Spirit and Truth (John 4:23–24)**
- 3. Even the Pharisee Who Claimed to Know God Offered Vain Worship**
  - a) They Replace the True Commandments of God with their Own Commandments
  - b) So Their Worship Was Not Only VAIN as in Worthless—But VAIN in it's arrogance!
  - c) Jesus called it out for what it was (**Matthew 15:8–9**)
- 4. True worship on earth reflects the True Worship Around the Throne of God**
  - a) The Cherubim, the 24 Elders, the Living Creatures, all of the redeemed of all time
  - b) Praising God and Christ (**Revelation 4:8–11**) All Worship in Spirit and in Truth

## **D. KNOWING GOD RESULTS IN ETERNAL LIFE**

- 1. This was the words of Christ speaking to the Father (John 17:3)**
  - a) To Truly Know God is to have a Relationship with God
  - b) A Covenant Relationship with God, in which you know God and He knows You
  - c) This is the Relationship God desires with you!
  - d) Not just a temporary relationship, but an eternal one!
- 2. To Know God is to Realize You are created for a Beautiful Life with God!**  
(**Ephesians 1:4–5**)
  - a) **THE DECISION:** 'Let Us make man in Our image' (Gen. 1:26)
  - b) **THE SETTING:** Before Time Began – 'Before the Foundation of the World'
  - c) **THE PURPOSE:** He Planned 'us... as sons.'
  - d) **THE FORETHOUGHT:** 'Predestined' Shows Intent, Design & Purpose
  - e) **THE MOTIVATION:** 'In love' 'according to the kind intention of His will'
  - f) **THE PROCESS:** by 'adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself'
  - g) **THE REASON:** "in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began" (Titus 1:2)
- 3. God created us for His glory and for our good!**  
**And Jesus Suffered to Sanctify us a People Unto Glory (Hebrews 2:10-11)**

## **E. KNOWING GOD Gives Us Great HOPE, PEACE & STRENGTH**

1. **HOPE: (Jeremiah 29:11-13) Our Despair is Replaced by HOPE!**
2. **PEACE: (Psalm 46:1-3; 10) God Tells Us: ‘Be Still and Know I Am God’**
  - a) **Even if there are wars and rumors of wars...**

Famines, Earthquakes, Pandemics, Corruption, Treason in High Places...
  - b) **Nothing that happens on earth can change the fact that God is on His throne**

There’s a river that flows from the throne of God, that Makes Glad the City of God
  - c) **Be Still and Know—God is in Control!**
    - Are You Suffering? —give it to God in Prayer
    - Are You Distressed and Discouraged? —Give it to God in Prayer
    - Do You have Guilt and Shame from your Past? –Give it to God in Prayer
    - Do You Have Anxiety? Cast Your Anxieties on Him for He Cares for You!
    - Do You Worry about the godless agenda darkening our land? Pray to God
  - d) **(Philippians 4:6–7) And the Peace of God, which surpasses understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!**
3. **STRENGTH:**
  - a) **There was Corruption in the Time of Daniel (Daniel 11:32)**
  - b) **There were Enemies of God in the Time of DAVID (1 Sam 17:45ff)**
  - c) **NERO Was the Emperor of Rome When Paul was Imprisoned!**
  - d) **But Paul says: “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Rom 8:31-34)**
    - (1) **Think of a courtroom where we are on trial.** *(Jack Cottrell, Romans)*
    - (2) **God is the Judge who has already decided the case in our favor!**
      - Because Jesus Paid Our Debt in Full at the Cross!
      - There is Now NO Condemnation to Those Who Are in Christ! (8:1).
    - (3) **“Who can be against us?”** doesn’t mean we won’t have any opposition in life
    - (4) It means None of our adversaries stand a chance against the One who is defending us. We do have enemies, but they are nothing compared with God.
    - (5) It doesn’t matter who’s against us—since no one can prevail against God!

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. **We Are More Than Conquerors Through Him Who Loves Us**
  - a. **(Romans 8:35-39) Not Only is God With Us—He is For Us!**
  - b. **No Weapon Formed Against Us will Succeed**
2. **Those Who Know God—Know the Promises of God...**
  - a) **God is Faithful — He Cannot Lie!**
    - He will not allow us to be tempted more than we can bear...
  - b) **God is All-Powerful—He Will Provide!**
    - All things will work together for good for those who love the Lord...
  - c) **God is Eternal—He Has Prepared an Eternal Dwelling Place for You!**
    - A City not made with hands, an inheritance reserved in heaven for you!

**God Did His Part, Sending His Son to Cross—but He Asks Us to Do Our Part:**

**> To Believe with Faith > To Repent > To Confess >To Baptized >Live Faithful to Him**