

# KNOWING GOD

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### JOHN 8:31-32

There are different Greek words for our word know:

- Gnosis. Data, facts, information, academic knowledge, scientific information, 2+2=4, newspaper, etc.
- Oida. Perception, observation, the light bulb goes on, “I see it now.”
- Ginosko. Experienced knowledge. Tasting a cake, jolted by electricity, becoming one with the object (truth).

### JOHN 17:3

Eternal life is not about programs, religious traditions, theological positions, rituals, ceremonies or having intellectual knowledge. It's about knowing God personally, intimately accurately and in reality. It's about experiencing God and Jesus, not just perceiving things about them.

### JEREMIAH 9:23-25 (NLT)

The most meaningful pursuit in life is not gaining man's wisdom or power. It's not about accumulating wealth. It's about knowing and understanding God. It's knowing Jesus as:

1. Savior, not just someone who died for our sins.
2. Lord, not just someone whose word doesn't matter.
3. Baptizer with the Spirit, not just one who sent the Spirit.
4. Deliverer, not just one who made deliverance possible.
5. Wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption.
6. High Priest, advocate, mediator, intercessor, shepherd.

### PHILIPPIANS 3:4-8 (NLT)

Paul speaks of his religious and academic achievements. He would give it all up for the knowledge of Christ. Gnosis is used.

### PHILIPPIANS 3:9-11 (NLT)

Know is Ginosko, Paul wanted to experience Jesus not just know about Him and His work. The difference between heaven and hell is transformation (Ginoko) and information. (Gnosis). It's knowing Jesus, not knowing about Jesus. It's about relationship and experienced reality.

**PSALMS 34:8** It's about tasting the food, not just knowing it's there.

### 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

Spiritual growth is about growing in the knowledge of God. We can grow older, but not grow up spiritually. It's the Spirit who transforms our lives as we continue in the Word. We can get so caught up with academic knowledge that we neglect being transformed by what we learn.

### 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-3 (NLT)

They learned about Jesus and knew Him as Savior, but they weren't being transformed by His life and conforming to His image.

### ROMANS 8:29

Paul's goal was transformation not academic education.

### HEBREWS 5:11-14

The Christian life is about Ginosko, not Gnosis. It's about inspiration that leads to information, application and transformation. It's about **PHILIPPIANS 3:12-16 (NLT)**.