

Episode #452 How to Know God 1: Knowing God

- I. The “Knowing God in the Word Radio Program” is for the purpose of helping listeners to fulfill the greatest need we have as believers – to know God.
- II. First comes salvation – entering into relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
- III. However, salvation is just like meeting God and shaking His hand, not really getting to know Him on a deep level.
- IV. Today’s message is largely based on an excellent pamphlet by E.W. Bullinger entitled “The Christian’s Greatest Need,” available on Amazon and elsewhere. It is a review of our very first program, restating our point and purpose for this radio program.
- V. Knowing God is the zenith of Biblical revelation.
 - A. Paul’s personal desire to know Christ. Philippians 3:7-10.
 1. He is willing to give up everything that is gain to him to know Christ.
 2. He wants to die and be resurrected to know His resurrection power.
 3. He wants to fellowship with Him by suffering like He did.
 - B. Paul’s dearest prayer for believers is for them to get to know Christ.
 1. Ephesians 1:17. To have a knowledge of God.
 2. Colossians 1:10. To be increasing in that knowledge.
 - C. That we all might know God is His goal for all mankind.
 1. Romans 1:28. It is the problem with humanity today.
 2. Jeremiah 31:34. It is the goal of the New Covenant.
 3. Isaiah 11:9. It is God’s ultimate goal for the earth.
 4. Jeremiah 9:23,24. It should be every person’s true boast.
- V. Many things in the religious world distract us from knowing God.
- VI. Many things are impressed on new believers, but seldom if ever this one.
- VII. The only way to really get to know God is through His Word.
 - A. We all know we “should” read and study our Bibles more, but we are seldom motivated by things we “should” do.
 - B. God is not on earth for us to get to know Him by hanging out with Him. But He gave us the Bible to use to get to know Him.
 - C. When we are motivated to Bible study by a desire to be in relationship with the most wonderful Being in the universe, then what we “should” do becomes what we want to do.
 - D. The ultimate goal is for us to truly love and be in love with God.
 1. It is easy to say “I love God.”
 2. Mostly we probably love having a God. But do we love the God we have?
 3. There are no easy steps to falling in love with someone. But there are things that help. We must spend time with the person. We must start to get to know and respect the person’s character. The way we do that with God is through the Bible.
- VIII. To know God and be in loving relationship with Him is the greatest experience a person can have in life. It is literally what we were made for. The way we form such a relationship is through God’s Word, the Bible. Let us study it and get to know the greatest Person of all!