

The God You Want to Know I

“Eternal Creator”

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Theme Text: 2 Peter 1:2-3 (NKJV)

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in (en = denoting fixed position in place time or state and instrumentality) **the knowledge of God** (full discernment, precise and correct knowledge) and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through (dia = denoting the channel of an act) **the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue.”

“May grace (God’s favor) and peace (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in (the full, personal, precise, and correct) knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that (are requisite and suited) to life and godliness, through the (full personal) knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).” (AMP)

#### **David’s Passion to Know God:**

Psalm 27:4 “One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek (to search out by any method, specifically by worship and prayer); That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold (to gaze at, to mentally perceive, contemplate with pleasure) the beauty (the agreeableness, the splendor or grace) of the Lord, and to inquire (to plough or break forth, to inspect, admire) in His temple.”

Psalm 63:1-6

#### **Moses’ Passion to Know God:**

Exodus 33:13 “Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may **know** (yada = to know – ascertain by seeing) You and that I may find grace in your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people.”

#### **Paul’s Passion to Know God:**

Philippians 3:10 “that I may **know** Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,”

Philippians 3:8-11

Psalm 9:10 “And those who **know** Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord have not forsaken those who seek You.”

- Often we are studying the promises made to us so we can have faith in them but unless you know the person you will not have faith in the promise

Over the next several weeks we are going to look at some aspects of who God is. I have entitled this series “The God You Want To Know”. We will be walking through the Gospel of John together as we

consider the nature of God. This gospel is the last gospel written and is very different from the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. John is writing around 100 AD. He has had 65 or so years to have processed the things Jesus taught them – He has walked with the Holy Spirit all these years and he then authors this gospel with an amazing depth of knowing God. Probably penned by John the Elder but authored by John in a community of others who requested him to share.

John shares with us why he writes this gospel in John 20:31 “but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

### **John 1:1-3**

1. *God is self-existent* “God does not need us or the rest of creation for anything, yet we and the rest of creation can glorify Him and bring Him joy.” (aseity from the Latin words a se, which mean “from himself”)

Acts 17:24-25 “God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.”

Job 41:11 “Who proceeded Me, that I should pay him? Everything under heaven is Mine.”

2. *God is eternal* “God has no beginning, end, or succession of moments in His own being, and He sees all time equally vividly, yet God sees events in time and acts in time.”
  - In the beginning was the Word (Genesis 1:1-2)

“This doctrine is also related to God’s unchangeableness. If it is true that God does not change, then we must say that time does not change God; it has not effect on His being, perfections, purposes, or promises. But that means that time has no effect on God’s knowledge, for instance. God never learns new things or forget things, for that world mean a change in his perfect knowledge. This implies also that the passing of time does not add to or detract from God’s knowledge: He knows all things past, present, and future, and knows them all equally vividly.” Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology

Psalms 90:2 “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.”

Revelation 1:8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

3. *God is Trinity* “God eternally exists as three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and each person is fully God, and there is one God.” (John 1:1)
  - Word was with God – distinct person
  - Word was God – fully God and distinct persons
  - Genesis 1:26; Isaiah 6:8; Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14; Deuteronomy 6:4-6
  - In the Godhead we see perfect love, fellowship, communication for all eternity (John 17:5,24)
  - Three Statements Summarize the Biblical Teaching
    - God is three persons
    - Each person is fully God

- There is one God
- 4. *God is creator* (John 1:3)
  - Genesis 1:1-3; I Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2

#### **Incommunicable Attributes of God**

1. Self-existent/Independence
2. Unchangeableness/Immutability
3. Eternal
4. Omnipresence
5. Unity “God is not divided in parts, yet we see different attributes of God emphasized at different times.”

#### **Communion:**

- I Am the Bread of Life
- Cup of the New Covenant

#### **Closing Thoughts:**

1. Meditate on one of the attributes I shared this morning... As you correctly know God grace (divine enablement) and peace (set at one, rest) will be multiplied to you. (Show Books)
2. Creative miracles – He is the same
3. Healing of wounds – Eternal (healing of wound as I realized the timeless Jesus walking in to touch)