

God reveals Himself	... to us, His Own	The Benefits of Knowing God
<p>God wants to be (Jer. 9:23-24)</p> <p>1) understood = 7919 שָׁכַל <i>sakal</i> = look at, ponder, give attention to → insight, comprehension</p> <p>2) known = 3045 יָדַע <i>yada</i> = intimate, experiential, transformational knowing → based on studied understanding</p> <p>But He is</p> <p>1) infinite = immeasurable, unfathomable (1 Kings 8:27; Job 9:10)</p> <p>2) incomprehensible = unsearchable (Isa. 55:8; 1 Tim. 6:13-16; Rom. 11:33-34)</p> <p>He cannot be known or understood unless He chooses to reveal Himself (Isa. 44:18)</p> <p>So He makes Himself known by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - creation, the heavens (Ps 19:1) - the conscience (Rom. 2:14-16) - His Name(s) (Prov. 18:10) - His mighty deeds ... - His judgment on the wicked (Ps. 9:16) - the deliverance of His people (Isa. 66:14) - through & in Jesus (John 1:18; Heb 1:1-3) - the Scripture (Luke 24:25-27) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to know Him, the only true God and Jesus Christ is eternal life → salvation (John 17:3; Jer. 31:34) - only those know God to whom Jesus wills to reveal Him (Matt. 11:27; 1 John 5:20) - at salvation God gives His own a heart to know Him and the Holy Spirit to know all that has been freely given to us by Him (Jer. 24:7; John 10:14-15; 1 Cor. 2:12) - as believers, we are commanded to grow in the knowledge of God (John 14:7-9; 2 Peter 3:17-18) - to know Him is to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * obey Him (Exo. 5:2; 1 John 2:3-4) * fear Him (1 Kings 8:43) * serve Him (1 Chron. 28:9) * believe/trust Him (Isa. 43:10) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) strength, boldness (Dan 11:32) 2) grace & peace (2 Pet 1:2; Ps. 46:10) 3) safety & security (Prov. 18:10) 4) wisdom & understanding (Eph 1:17; Prov. 9:10) 5) a worthy, God-pleasing life 6) fruitfulness 7) joyful thankfulness 8) patience & steadfastness (Col. 1:9-12) 9) spiritual maturity (Eph. 4:13) 10) everything pertaining to life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3)
Conclusions		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Our knowledge of God and His ways will be partial in this world because it is limited to what God has revealed (Deut. 29:29) 2) Understanding and knowledge of God must be heartily longed for and searched for as for hidden treasure (Prov. 2:1-6) 3) The loss of everything else is far surpassed by the value of knowing God/Christ (Phil. 3:8-10) <p style="text-align: center;">THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS THE BELIEVER'S PRIMARY PURSUIT!</p>		