

# The Knowledge of God

- John 17:1-5 - Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, 2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. 3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. NASU
- John 17:1–5 (LBLA) — 1 Estas cosas habló Jesús, y alzando los ojos al cielo, dijo: Padre, la hora ha llegado; glorifica a tu Hijo, para que el Hijo te glorifique a ti, 2 por cuanto le diste autoridad sobre todo ser humano para que dé vida eterna a todos los que tú le has dado. 3 Y esta es la vida eterna: que te conozcan a ti, el único Dios verdadero, y a Jesucristo, a quien has enviado. 4 Yo te glorifiqué en la tierra, habiendo terminado la obra que me diste que hiciera. 5 Y ahora, glorifícame tú, Padre, junto a ti, con la gloria que tenía contigo antes que el mundo existiera.

*“All mankind rightfully belongs to God, as sovereign Creator; but those who seek to know and do his will are his in a special sense, and in them will be fulfilled God's real purpose in creation.”*

# Men must know God and Jesus Christ in order to be saved.

- **γινώσκω**: *to learn to know a person through direct personal experience, implying a continuity of relationship—‘to know, to become acquainted with, to be familiar with.’* (Louw, Johannes P. & Eugene Albert Nida. 1996. Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains. New York: United Bible Societies.)
- Vs 3 - *This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

- Matthew 22:35-40 - *One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And He said to him, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'* 38 *This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'* 40 *On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."* NASU
- Matthew 22:35–40 (LBLA) — *35 y uno de ellos, intérprete de la ley, para ponerle a prueba le preguntó: 36 Maestro, ¿cuál es el gran mandamiento de la ley? 37 Y El le dijo: AMARAS AL SENOR TU DIOS CON TODO TU CORAZÓN, Y CON TODA TU ALMA, Y CON TODA TU MENTE. 38 Este es el grande y el primer mandamiento. 39 Y el segundo es semejante a este: AMARAS A TU PROJIMO COMO A TI MISMO. 40 De estos dos mandamientos dependen toda la ley y los profetas.*

# GOD HAS THE ABILITY TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO US.

- Romans 1:18-21 - *18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; **FOR GOD MADE IT EVIDENT TO THEM.** 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. NASU*
- Romans 1:18–21 (LBLA) — *18 Porque la ira de Dios se revela desde el cielo contra toda impiedad e injusticia de los hombres, que con injusticia restringen la verdad; 19 porque lo que se conoce acerca de Dios es evidente dentro de ellos, pues Dios se lo hizo evidente. 20 Porque desde la creación del mundo, sus atributos invisibles, su eterno poder y divinidad, se han visto con toda claridad, siendo entendidos por medio de lo creado, de manera que no tienen excusa. 21 Pues aunque conocían a Dios, no le honraron como a Dios ni le dieron gracias, sino que se hicieron vanos en sus razonamientos y su necio corazón fue entenebrecido.*

- In this passage we learn of the existence of God.
- In this passage we learn that man can have a knowledge of God.
- And in this passage, we learn that the power and divinity of God are within man's range of knowledge.
- *These things have been evident* - φανερός, ἄ, ὄν: pertaining to being clearly and easily able to be known—'clearly known, easily known, evident, plain, clear.'
- To shine, to cause to shine, - Puts a spotlight on it. Can't be missed.
- (Louw, Johannes P. & Eugene Albert Nida. 1996. Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains. New York: United Bible Societies.)

- Psalms 19:1-6 – (NCV) - 19 The heavens tell the glory of God, and the skies announce what his hands have made. 2 Day after day they tell the story; night after night they tell it again. 3 They have no speech or words; they have no voice to be heard. 4 But their message goes out through all the world; their words go everywhere on earth. The sky is like a home for the sun. 5 The sun comes out like a bridegroom from his bedroom. It rejoices like an athlete eager to run a race. 6 The sun rises at one end of the sky and follows its path to the other end. Nothing hides from its heat.
- Psalm 19:1–6 (LBLA) — 1 Los cielos proclaman la gloria de Dios, y la expansión anuncia la obra de sus manos. 2 Un día transmite el mensaje al otro día, y una noche a la otra noche revela sabiduría. 3 No hay mensaje, no hay palabras; no se oye su voz. 4 Mas por toda la tierra salió su voz, y hasta los confines del mundo sus palabras. En ellos puso una tienda para el sol, 5 y este, como un esposo que sale de su alcoba, se regocija cual hombre fuerte al correr su carrera. 6 De un extremo de los cielos es su salida, y su curso hasta el otro extremo de ellos; y nada hay que se esconda de su calor.

# “without excuse.”

- ἀναπολόγητος, ον: pertaining to not being able to defend oneself or to justify one’s actions—‘to be without excuse, to have no excuse.’ Louw, Johannes P. & Eugene Albert Nida. 1996. Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains. New York: United Bible Societies.



- Romans 1:21–23 (ESV) — *21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.*
- Romans 1:21–23 (LBLA) — *21 Pues aunque conocían a Dios, no le honraron como a Dios ni le dieron gracias, sino que se hicieron vanos en sus razonamientos y su necio corazón fue entenebrecido. 22 Profesando ser sabios, se volvieron necios, 23 y cambiaron la gloria del Dios incorruptible por una imagen en forma de hombre corruptible, de aves, de cuadrúpedos y de reptiles.*

- Psalm 8:3 (ESV) — 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place —
- Psalm 8:3 (LBLA) — 3 Cuando veo tus cielos, obra de tus dedos, la luna y las estrellas que tú has establecido,

# GOD REVEALS HIMSELF THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

- John 14:9 (ESV) - Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.
- John 14:9 (LBLA) — 9 Jesús le dijo\*: ¿Tanto tiempo he estado con vosotros, y todavía no me conoces, Felipe? El que me ha visto a mí, ha visto al Padre; ¿cómo dices tú: «Muéstranos al Padre»?

# Jesus manifested God in the flesh

- 1 Timothy 3:16 (ESV) — 16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.
- 1 Timothy 3:16 (LBLA) — 16 E indiscutiblemente, grande es el misterio de la piedad: El fue manifestado en la carne, vindicado en el Espíritu, contemplado por ángeles, proclamado entre las naciones, creído en el mundo, recibido arriba en gloria.
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John 1:1 (ESV) — *1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

John 1:1 (LBLA) — *1 En el principio existía el Verbo, y el Verbo estaba con Dios, y el Verbo era Dios.*

- John 1:14 (ESV) — *14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*
- John 1:14 (LBLA) — *14 Y el Verbo se hizo carne, y habitó entre nosotros, y vimos su gloria, gloria como del unigénito del Padre, lleno de gracia y de verdad.*

- 1 John 5:20 (ESV) — *20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.*
- 1 John 5:20 (LBLA) — *20 Y sabemos que el Hijo de Dios ha venido y nos ha dado entendimiento a fin de que conozcamos al que es verdadero; y nosotros estamos en aquel que es verdadero, en su Hijo Jesucristo. Este es el verdadero Dios y la vida eterna.*
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# GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF THROUGH HIS WORD AND MESSAGE TO US

- Hebrews 1:1–2 (ESV) — *1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.*
- Hebrews 1:1–2 (LBLA) — *1 Dios, habiendo hablado hace mucho tiempo, en muchas ocasiones y de muchas maneras a los padres por los profetas, 2 en estos últimos días nos ha hablado por su Hijo, a quien constituyó heredero de todas las cosas, por medio de quien hizo también el universo.*



- John 12:48–50 (ESV) — *48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. 49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”.*
- John 12:48–50 (LBLA) — *48 El que me rechaza y no recibe mis palabras, tiene quien lo juzgue; la palabra que he hablado, esa lo juzgará en el día final. 49 Porque yo no he hablado por mi propia cuenta, sino que el Padre mismo que me ha enviado me ha dado mandamiento sobre lo que he de decir y lo que he de hablar. 50 Y sé que su mandamiento es vida eterna; por eso lo que hablo, lo hablo tal como el Padre me lo ha dicho.*

- John 16:12-15 - 12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you. NASU
- John 16:12–15 (LBLA) — 12 Aún tengo muchas cosas que decirlos, pero ahora no las podéis soportar. 13 Pero cuando Él, el Espíritu de verdad, venga, os guiará a toda la verdad, porque no hablará por su propia cuenta, sino que hablará todo lo que oiga, y os hará saber lo que habrá de venir. 14 Él me glorificará, porque tomará de lo mío y os lo hará saber. 15 Todo lo que tiene el Padre es mío; por eso dije que Él toma de lo mío y os lo hará saber.

- John 17:8 - *8 for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.* NASU
- John 17:8 (LBLA) — *8 porque yo les he dado las palabras que me diste; y las recibieron, y entendieron que en verdad salí de ti, y creyeron que tú me enviaste.*

- a) It is a message of love.
- b) It is a message of instruction.
- c) It is a message of warning.
- d) It is a message of hope.
- e) It is a light to our feet.
- f) It is our infallible GPS to guide us as we travel through this life.
- g) It is our compass.
- h) It is the food for our soul.
- i) It is the ointment for our aching hearts.

- j) It is the medicine we need when we are sick.
- k) It is a sword for all the soldiers of Christ.
- l) It is the seed for the Sower.
- m) It is a place of rest for the weary.
- n) It is our comfort when we face sorrow.
- o) It gives hope to the discouraged.
- p) It rebukes the ungodly.
- q) It reproves the neglectful.
- r) It corrects the wanderer.
- s) **IT IS TO BE STUDIED IN LIFE.**
- t) It is to be cherished in death.
- u) It will be answered in the judgment.

# Remember Romans 1?

*but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.*

- 2 Peter 2:12 (NASB95) — *12 But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed”*
- 2 Peter 2:12 (LBLA) — *12 Pero estos, como animales irracionales, nacidos como criaturas de instinto para ser capturados y destruidos, blasfemando de lo que ignoran, serán también destruidos con la destrucción de esas criaturas,*

- 1 Peter 1:8 (NASB95) — *8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,*
- 1 Peter 1:8 (LBLA) — *8 a quien sin haberle visto, le amáis, y a quien ahora no veis, pero creéis en Él, y os regocijáis grandemente con gozo inefable y lleno de gloria,*



# KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS ESSENTIAL TO ETERNAL LIFE.

- John 17:3 (NASB95) — 3 *“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*
- John 17:3 (LBLA) — 3 *Y esta es la vida eterna: que te conozcan a ti, el único Dios verdadero, y a Jesucristo, a quien has enviado.*

- John 20:30–31 (NASB95) — *30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.*
- John 20:30–31 (LBLA) — *30 Y muchas otras señales hizo también Jesús en presencia de sus discípulos, que no están escritas en este libro; 31 pero estas se han escrito para que creáis que Jesús es el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios; y para que al creer, tengáis vida en su nombre.*

- 1 John 5:13 (NASB95) — *13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.*
- 1 John 5:13 (LBLA) — *13 Estas cosas os he escrito a vosotros que creéis en el nombre del Hijo de Dios, para que sepáis que tenéis vida eterna.*