

Christian Doctrine

God (Conclusion)

The Joy of Knowing God

Through the previous fifteen lessons, we have taken an in-depth look at a variety of qualities and attributes that the Scriptures reveal concerning who God is and what He is like. We have looked at what these attributes mean concerning the nature of God, as well as how each of these attributes impact God's relationship with us. The study of God is fascinating, as we are able to learn more and more about the God of the Universe. But keep in mind, God has not revealed Himself to us just for us to know *about* Him, but for us to know Him *personally*. God says that the person who "understands and knows me" has the greatest treasure available to mankind ([Jer. 9:23-24](#))! It was for this reason that God the Father sent His Son Jesus Christ to earth to take upon Himself the sins of the world, and that through faith in Him we might have the forgiveness of sins ([Eph. 1:7](#)). Through Christ, we are able to better understand the nature of God ([Col. 1:15](#)), but we are also able to have the joy of knowing our God personally ([Phil. 3:10](#))!

Growing in Our Knowledge of God

Growing in our understanding of God is very rewarding. When we understand the nature of God, we gain a more accurate understanding of who God is, a better understanding of why He does certain things, and a clearer understanding of why He calls us to do the things He asks of us. Our relationship with God is ongoing, and so should our study of Him. God is so infinite that we will never be able to comprehend or understand Him completely, but that should not stop us from growing in our knowledge of Him. As we continually learn about Him, we will continually become more and more like Him ([Eph. 3:17-19](#))! And as we get to know Him better, we will have a greater passion to worship Him for who He is, as well as a stronger desire to live our lives surrendered to His will. May we be "fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" ([Col. 1:10](#)).