

# The Right Knowledge of God!

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The history of man-kind has shown that no people has ever risen above its religion, and man's spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its idea of God.

What thoughts come to your mind when you think about God? While most characterize Him as a loving, kind and good God, he is often blamed for the misfortune and pain they experience in life. But how can bitter and sweet water flow from the same fountain?

As people who have been redeemed from sin and restored to our right position and relationship with God, it is paramount that we see God clearly.

## ***We have an exact knowledge, a complete knowledge of God***

Colossians 1:9-14 is a gold mine. "For this cause we also, since the day we heard, do not cease to pray and make request for you, that you may be filled with (the exact) knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding." It will enable you "to walk worthy of the Lord in all pleasing, bearing fruit in every kind of good work, and increasing in this exact (or perfect) knowledge of God." And you are going to be "strengthened with all of His ability, according to the might of His glory unto all steadfastness and long suffering with joy." You have perfect knowledge. The Greek word, "Epignosis," means more than knowledge. It is a perfect, exact, and complete knowledge and spiritual wisdom that God gives us, so that we can understand how to use the elements around us to gain the advantage.

## ***Man's wisdom or human intellect won't do.***

In fact 1 Corinthians 2: 9-10 lets us know the man's wisdom or human intellect cannot accurately perceive God's true intension for us. The eyes and ears play a role, but it is the Spirit's intimation that crystallizes it, and makes it a reality. The Spirit opens a new realm to us; a new type of mental efficiency and wisdom that can grasp things the ordinary mind cannot.

<sup>9</sup> But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. <sup>10</sup> But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Romans 8:6-7 (NKJV) <sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. <sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

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***Never a Man like Jesus***

Jesus is the only man who has seen God  
He has the closest relationship with the Father  
He revealed the Father to us (John 1:18)

John 16:33 (NIV) <sup>33</sup> “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” If Jesus said we will have trouble, why are we surprised and shaken when we encounter trouble? It is because we shift our focus to the trouble instead of God. Our issues become trouble when we don’t handle them appropriately. The goal of trouble is to rob us of our peace.

***We can have peace because we have armor***

Eph 6:11-13 <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

***We can have peace because we have weapons***

2 Cor 10:3-6 <sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup> casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, <sup>6</sup> and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

***We can have peace because God is faithful and trustworthy***

1 Cor 10:13 But God is faithful; He will not suffer you to be tempted beyond that which ye are able to bear, but with the temptation will also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.