

Title: To know God
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John 17: 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Yada – to know

Genesis 4:1 Adam *knew* Eve

Hebrew *Yada* – deep intimate fellowship, experience, discover, know well, familiar friends, find, understand

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 4: 35 You were shown these things so that you might know that the Lord is God; besides him there is no other.

Jeremiah 7:9 Will you...walk after other gods whom you do not know?

Prophecy of a new covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 ³¹ Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-³² *not* according to the covenant that I made with their fathers. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and it write it on their hearts; and I will be there God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴No more shall every man teach his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, "Know the Lord," for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord.

Old vs new covenant

Old covenant

- External
- Works-based
- Community- nation of Israel Selected pries

New covenant

- Internal
- Relational
- Individual
- Universal

Jesus is the embodiment of the new covenant

John 16:7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

Knowing God through the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Knowing God leads us to obey Him

1 John 2:4-6 Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them.

Knowing God leads us to love Him and love others

1 John 4:7-8 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day