

1 **To know Christ**

Phil 3:1-13

2 **Do you know Him?**

- To Know someone/something = 1. to be aware of or have information about 2. to be acquainted, familiar, have dealings with or experience = personal knowledge=relationship
- God's plan of salvation is for relationship – Jer 31:33-34; Eph 2:11-14
- Who do you say that i am? (Matt 16:13-20) – Jesus knows each one of us personally and challenges us to know him on that level = personal relationship (Matt 7:21-23)
- Knowing God is not based on a one-off encounter but starts there = when we meet Him at new birth; we are to grow in our knowledge of Him (2Pet 3:18)
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3 **Jesus – our perfect example (Rom 8:29)**

- Born of the Spirit – Luke 1:35
- Baptised with the Holy Spirit – Luke 3:21-22;
- Had the Spirit without measure – John 3:34
- Passionate for the father – spent time day & night (Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16, 6:12, 9:28)
- Apostles craved His prayer (& power 'lifestyle') – Luke 11:1
- Passionate for the father's Cause – John 4:34
- But still prayed to be glorified – John 17:1
- Wants us 'hot' – not lukewarm! – Rev 3:15-16
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4 **That I might know Him**

- Paul – Phil 3:1-10; encountered Jesus in (Acts 9:1-6); followed the call (Acts 26:9-22); powerful/extra ordinary healing & miracle ministry (Acts 19:11-12); 30yrs later when in prison=that i might know him (Phil 3:1-10); prayed for the church to know him (Eph 1:17)
- Moses – encountered God in burning bush (Ex 3:1-6); had face2face encounters with & knew the ways of God=performed miracles (Ps 103:7 & Ex 33:11-12); show me your glory (Ex 33:11-23)
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5 **Why?**

- 1. It is a great privilege – one to boast about! Jer 9:23-24 & 1Cor 1:31 'we are to boast in Him & in our knowledge of Him
- 2. It has been promised & made available to us via the cross - He who seeks finds- Matt 7:7; Deut 4:29; David said: 1Chron 28:9; Ps 27:8(Amp); Ps 42:1-2; Prov 8:17; Jer 29:13; If you hunger and thirst you will be filled – Matt 5:6;
- 3. We are empowered to live a Godly life – 2Peter 1:3-4

- 4. For power demonstration -Dan 11:32b 'they that know their God shall be strong and do exploits'; Phil 3:10 'I want to know Christ & the power of His resurrection' (1Cor 4:20, 2:4 & 1Thes 1:5); Psalm 103:7 'God revealed His ways to Moses and then His acts through Moses to the children of Israel'

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6 How?

- 1. Time in the word - (1Sam 3:1, 21) gives a revelation of Jesus, the Word of God (John 1:1-3, 1John 1:1, Rev 19:13); Jesus said if you've seen me, you've seen the father (John 14:9); the exact representation of the father (Col 1:15 Amp)
- 2. The Holy Spirit – Eph 1:17 – the Spirit of Wisdom/revelation that we might know God better; the author of the Bible (2Peter 1:21; 2Tim 3:16) He is the Spirit of Truth – John 16:13 (the word of God is Truth – John 17:17) and Jesus is the WORD=revealed to us by the Holy Spirit! Holy Spirit baptism and praying in tongues=greater revelation of God (1Cor 14:2, 2:9-12)

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7 How?

- 3. Prayer (and fasting) – a. seeking the Lord for who He is and to be intimate with Him – (James 4:8, Acts 13:1-2) b. seeking the Lord to perform His promise – Dan 9:3 (amp) = He will be found by us. James 5:16b-18/Jer 29: 11-13 – we take the promise/seek him/find him/promises fulfilled