

SERMON OUTLINE

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How to Get to Know God

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I. The Benefits of Knowing God

A. Grace & Peace - 2 Peter 1:2

When we know God we understand true grace and experience peace the “surpasses understanding” (Phil 4:7)

B. Fulness to Achieve Life and Godliness - 2 Peter 1:3

1. zoe (Strong’s) “life; of the absolute fullness of life...”
2. This is the life we lose when we sin (separation from God).

C. Escape the World’s Corruption - 2 Peter 1:4

1. Sin takes away - leaves hurt, emptiness, broken dreams
2. Romans 7:24 - freedom in Christ

D. Usefulness and Fruitfulness - 2 Peter 1:8

Realize - God wants us, has a place for us

E. Motivates a Changed Life - 2 Peter 1:9

Knowing God = knowing His grace = motivation

II. How to Get to Know God

A. Experience His Creation - Romans 1:20

1. Look at the incredible creation
2. Someone of far greater intelligence and power - Job
3. Look around - NOT to worship IT, but to get to know God.

B. Give Him Your Weight of Sin - Matthew 11:28-30

1. I have a weight of sin (Heb 12:1) and God cares!
2. John 1:14 - We got to know God - GRACE and truth
3. Know God’s forgiveness, grace, hope, newness of life, peace

C. ReeVALUEate - Go Deep - Philippians 3:7-11

1. Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus - everything changed
2. Experiences of life teach us to place confidence in God
 - a. Proverbs 23:4-5 - don’t trust in riches
 - b. Everything life offers - changes, is gone - confidence???
3. Hebrews 13:5-6 - God NEVER fails - shift your confidence to Him, trust Him - He WILL be there!!!

D. Learn to Serve - Ephesians 4:11-13

1. Philippians 2:3-8 - serve like Christ - get to know Him
2. Matthew 25:31-46 - this is the way Christ lived