

# SERMON NOTE: Keep Knowing GOD

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<https://bible.com/bible/111/eph.1.15-23.NIV>

While and though Paul was in Prison, he offer his prayer for the Ephesus Christian, they will know GOD and be grounded in their faith and love GOD more.



V15-16

The basis of knowing GOD

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Two things which convicted Paul that they are Christians are their faith and love.

James 2:18 NIV

But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/jas.2.18.NIV>

It's love toward ask the saints (believers), Done is easy to live, those beautiful, joyful and happy people, but some are not.

V17-18a

The need to keep knowing GOD

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The GOD we are to know is Father of Glory

Psalms 8:1 NIV

Lord , our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

<https://psalm.bible/psalm-8-1>

The Greek word of

Knowledge is gnosis, and adding epi Inn front is epignosis, knowing in depth.

John 17:3 NIV

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

<https://john.bible/john-17-3>

V18b-23

The Result of Knowing GOD

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18b - Know the hope of GOD calling

18c- Know the riches of GOD'S inheritance

18d- Know the great power of GOD

This immensity of the power of GOD is also available to us who believe.

Romans 1:16 NIV

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

<https://romans.bible/romans-1-16>

Ephesians 3:20 NIV

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

<https://ephesians.bible/ephesians-3-20>

Conclusion

“We have “already” known GOD when we received JESUS CHRIST as our personal Savior and LORD. We have put our faith in GOD. We have shown our love for one another. Yet, it is not enough. We need to know GOD more personally and intimately.

Philippians 3:10 NIV

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

<https://bible.com/bible/111/php.3.10.NIV>