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'Knowing God or Better Still, Knowing God through Jesus'
John 17 1-11

1. There is no way for us to know God, except through Jesus Christ
2. All of our adjectives, superlatives, and verbs are mere eloquent language to describe God's attributes – an action God
3. It's through Jesus that we learn the true 'Spirit of God', because a man's intellect and common sense is not of God nor will it ever be
4. Jesus exposes the world's willfulness to their ignorance, and at the same time, commends those whom have been faithful followers of His
5. Here is the catch – until our eyes are open by the Holy Spirit, we're truly in the dark!
6. In this darkened state, we are ignorant and impaired, until God reveals Himself and draws us to Him
7. Jesus enables us to know Him and His Father through our prayers of thanksgiving
8. "The hardest condition in seeking God is being prepared not only to revise our thinking, but to reform our lives" J.I. Packer – 'Knowing God'
9. It concerns me that people are struggling to experience the fullness, abundant, fruitful, and joyful life of God, if you are obedient and praise His Holy Name
10. The reason we don't see any change in our lives is not because we are not obedient and praise His name – but it is because we don't have a true relationship with God
11. If we had a true relationship with God, not only would we praise His name, but we would strive to be obedient as well (God realize that we are not perfect)
12. We need not wait until we die to have eternal life – Jesus said, we can have it now "Now this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" – definition of eternal life Jn. 17 3
13. If we love God and walk in a closer relationship with God, our soul will desire to spend more time with God, the inverse is also true – we want desire to worship God or have a relationship with God Jn. 14 21
14. Paul the Apostle summarizes it best in Philippians 3 8 – "yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord"
15. Bottom line – If you don't know Christ then you will not know God!
16. If, you're wondering why you don't seem to be experiencing the Holy Spirit working in your life, the first question that you need to ask 'is what is the condition of your personal love relationship with Christ'
17. For Christ is always seeking you, have you sort Him – He's waiting!