



## The Transforming Power of the Knowledge of God

### Living Transformed

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# ABOUT LIVING TRANSFORMED

## Mission and Purpose

To empower people to live their God designed life.

## Transformation is a Continual Process

Transformation is the process of becoming, changing, growing, maturing, developing, conforming, restoring, transitioning, and learning to be the person that God designed.

## Transformation is about Identity

God created mankind and gives us life. Life is about discovering our God designed identity and living our calling. Identity, as defined by the online Merriam-Webster dictionary, is the “distinguishing character or personality of an individual.” Identity is who we, what we do, and how we function in the world according to God’s design.

*“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. “ ~~Romans 12:2*

## Transforming the Mind

The Bible is crucial for transformation to take place. Paul tells the Roman church that transformation is accomplished by renewing the mind and knowledge of the Bible is critical for transforming the mind. Therefore, **Living Transformed** shall produce studies on topics necessary to renew the mind and transforming lives.

“Living Transformed”

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# KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Living Transformed is about living the life that God designed for you and requires knowledge. Stop and think about it for a second, you cannot transform unless you know you need to transform and you need to know the means, process, and goals of transformation. The purpose of these studies is to provide for you knowledge and methods necessary for your transformation.



Living transformed requires knowledge of God, the Bible, God's plan and design for man, and you even need to know yourself.

Gaining knowledge is gradual and continual. As we gain knowledge, we go through the four stages of competence or learning (developed in the late 60s to early 70s by M.M. Bradwell & N. Burch). They are: Unconscious Incompetence, Conscious Incompetence, Conscious Competence, and Unconscious Competence. We go from not knowing we need to know the important things in life to where the important things in life are a part of our nature.

While man is living in the sinful nature, they are ignorant of the ways of God. When a person is born again, their eyes are opened and they realize they need to know God and his instructions. A person becomes competent in the ways of God until the ways of God are natural to him—a level of conscious competence. Transforming the mind is moving up the scale from unconscious incompetence to unconscious competence.

# KNOWLEDGE

The dictionary defines knowledge as facts, information, and skills acquired by a person through experience or education; the theoretical or practical understanding of a subject; awareness or familiarity gained by experience of a fact or situation. Human development—in fact, human existence—is about gaining knowledge. The Christian life is about gaining knowledge of God, his character, and his instructions. Many of the things of God are mysteries that have been revealed through the centuries. God has revealed himself through Jesus Christ and through the Bible, but our knowledge and understanding is continually growing.

## Why is knowledge of God important to our transformation?

It would be ridiculous to suggest having a relationship with a person without having knowledge of them—of knowing them. The reason the first few months of a romantic relationship is so exciting is because you are getting to know the other person and they are getting to know you. While God our creator knows us intimately, we do not know him.

Many scriptures reveal the importance of knowledge, but we shall consider three primary portions: 2 Peter 1:1-11, 2 Corinthians 10:1-6, and Romans 1:18-20.

## 2 Peter 1:1-11

Read the scripture mark, underline, highlight, muse, and ponder the verses then answer the questions:

*1 Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:*

*2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.*

*4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

*5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.*

*8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. 10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm*

*your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

1. When a word or phrase is repeated in a portion of scripture, it indicates it is important. When a word or phrase is repeated several times it is very important. How many times is “knowledge” repeated in verses 1 – 11?
2. In verse 2, what does Peter say is ours through knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord?
3. In verse 3, what do we receive through God’s divine power and the knowledge of him who calls us?
4. In verses 2 and 3, what are the results of our knowledge of God?
5. In verse 4, to what does “through these” and “through them” refer?
6. What do these things in verse 4 provide for us?
7. How does verse 4 say that we can escape the corruption of this world?
8. What does verse 4 say causes the corruption of the world?
9. What qualities does verses 5-7 say we should add to our faith?
10. What does verse 8 say about these qualities?
11. What does it say about the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ in verse 8?
12. What happens if we do not have these qualities in verse 9?
13. How does Peter conclude this portion of scripture in verse 10-11?

14. Summarize what Peter says about knowledge?

15. What has this scripture taught you about knowledge?

## 2 Corinthians 10:1-5

Read the scripture mark, underline, highlight, muse, and ponder the verses then answer the questions.

*1 By the humility and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you--I, Paul, who am "timid" when face to face with you, but "bold" toward you when away! 2 I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world. 3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

1. Summarize Paul's words to the church?

2. Paul describes warfare that every Christian faces. How is this warfare reflected in your life?

3. What does this scripture say about the world in which we live?

4. How does Paul describe our weapons?

5. What roles does "knowledge of God" play in this warfare?

6. What does this tell us about the importance of the knowledge of God/

## Romans 1:18-32

Read the scripture mark, underline, highlight, muse, and ponder the verses then answer the questions.

*18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may*

*be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.*

*24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator--who is forever praised. Amen. 26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.*

*27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. 28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.*

1. What is the relationship between “truth” in verse 18 and the “knowledge of God” in verse 28?
2. How did God reveal himself to man (verses 19,20)?
3. How did some men treat the knowledge of God (verses 21-23)?
4. What happened to men that refused to acknowledge him (verses 24-26)?
5. What happens to man when the knowledge of God is lost (verses 28-32)?
6. What does this scripture tell us of the importance of knowledge?



## APPLICATION

Genesis 4:1 says, “Adam knew (yâda) Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. Matthew 1:25 says, “But [Joseph] did not know (ginōskō) [Mary] until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.”

“Knowing” or “to know” in both the Hebrew and Greek can mean intimate, even physical intimate knowledge of another. There is no bond closer than physical intimacy. Psalms 46:10 says, “Be still, and know (yâda) that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” God wants us to know him intimately the way that he knows us. In fact, God instructs us to love him with all of our heart, soul, and strength (Deuteronomy 6:5). We can love God because he first loved us (1 John 4:19).

In Romans 10:14, Paul asks how a person can believe in someone whom they have never heard or in whom they have no knowledge. I would add to Paul’s question, “Who can love another in whom they have no knowledge.” The obvious answer to each of these rhetorical questions is “no one.” No one is capable of believing in or loving someone whom they do not know. Knowing proceeds believing and loving. I did not love my wife before I knew her, but once I knew her I fell in love with her. Only a parent can love before they know their children. Love for your child is innate. God’s love for us is innate in him. As a child instinctively loves their parent, so too should we love our heavenly Father. To love him, we must know him—know him intimately.

**What do the following verses tell us about intimate knowledge of God?**

Romans 5:5 “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Philippians 3:7-8 “But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.”

Revelation 3:20 “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

## Spiritual disciplines that increase our intimacy and knowledge of God:

**Read your Bible and listen**—slowly read a passage out loud and listen to the text. When a word or phrase stands out to you, linger over it. Do not overanalyze it. Just listen and hear what the Lord is saying to you in that moment. When in the place of focusing upon God, his voice sounds like spontaneous thoughts in your mind. Do not dismiss these thoughts, it is God speaking to you.

**Communication with God**—read the passage again prayerfully. As you talk with God about the passage, tell him how you are feeling and how this passage is stirring in you. Replace personal pronouns in the passage with your name, or use the passage as a template for a personal prayer to God.

**Prayer**—is simply talking with God. He does not care what words you say, rather the focus of your heart—God wants us to dialogue with Him about everything (Philippians 4:6-7). We can bring him our worries, fears, requests, praises, and thanksgiving. Our Father delights in communicating with His children! The better we communicate with others, the better the relationships, and it is especially true of our relationship with God.

**Meditation**—read the passage out loud again. Listen for the truth and then muse and ponder those truths. Pull them down into your soul and spirit, not just in your mind. Meditate on them and reflect on their significance.

**Contemplation**—take some time to let the passage sink in. Jot down what stood out to you from your devotional that you want to be reminded of later. Throughout the day return to the passage and mull over what the Lord said to you.

**Journaling**—is the spiritual discipline of reflection, a tool for slowing down and recording what God is saying to you. It can provide a way of processing your hopes, fears, dreams, and emotions, especially in uncertain times. Humans have a tendency to forget, journaling is a place to record your communication with God.

**Scripture Memorization**—As you read your Bible, take note of the verses and passages that speak to your soul. Write them down and leave them where you will see them regularly. Memorization depends on repetition, so practice reciting them regularly until reciting them becomes easy and natural. There is no need to memorize the entire Bible. Select ten verses of scripture that will be your foundation and your mission statement.

**Fellowship**—God is a relational God. We are created in God's and as image bearers, we are designed to fellowship as well. Our souls need healthy relationships in order to grow. We are not created to be alone; we need community.

# WORD STUDIES

## Hebrew Words for Knowledge

Because the Hebrew language is an action oriented language rather than descriptive, verbs are more important than nouns. Most Hebrew root words are verbs, such is the case with knowledge. The primary word for knowledge is *yâda'* or "to know."

### **Yâda'**

Verb (yaw-dah') root word, verb meaning to know (properly, to ascertain by seeing); used in a great variety of senses, figuratively, literally, euphemistically and inferentially (including observation, care, recognition; and causatively, instruction, designation, punishment, etc.):—acknowledge, acquaintance(-ted with), advise, answer, appoint, assuredly, be aware.

*Yâda'* allows for intimate knowledge of a person, *yâda'* is used to describe the sexual relationship between a man and woman; *yâda'* is knowing, but allows for the meaning of intimacy.

The KJV translates *yâda'* in the following manner: know (645x), known (105x), knowledge (19x), perceive (18x), shew (17x), tell (8x), wist (7x), understand (7x), certainly (7x), acknowledge (6x), acquaintance (6x), consider (6x), declare (6x), teach (5x), miscellaneous (85x).

What do the following scriptures tell us about Yada?

- **Genesis 3:5, 7, 22 NIV** - 5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, **knowing** good and evil." ... 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and **they realized** they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. ... 22 And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, **knowing good and evil**. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."
- **Genesis 4:1 NIV** - 1 Adam **knew** (made love to his wife) Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man."
- **Genesis 19:8** Look, I have two daughters who have **never known** (slept with a) man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them. But don't do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof."
- **Psalms 9:10, 16 NIV** - 10 Those who **know** your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you. ... 16 The LORD is **known** by his acts of justice; the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.

- Isaiah 1:3 NIV - 3 The ox knows its master, the donkey its owner's manger, but Israel **does not know**, my people do not understand."

### Da'ath

(dah'-ath); a noun from the root yada; knowledge:—cunning, (ig-) norantly, know(-ledge), (un-) awares (wittingly).

The KJV translates da'ath the following manner: knowledge (82x), know (6x), cunning (1x), unwittingly 2 (with H1097) (2x), ignorantly (with H1097) (1x), unawares (with H1097) (1x).

What do the following scriptures tell us about da'ath?

- Genesis 2:9, 17 NIV - 9 The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground--trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the **knowledge of good and evil**. ... 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the **knowledge of good and evil**, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."
- Exodus 31:3 NIV - 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with **knowledge** and with all kinds of skills—
- Exodus 35:31 NIV - 31 and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with **knowledge** and with all kinds of skills—
- Job 21:22 "Can anyone teach **knowledge** to God, since he judges even the highest?
- Psalm 119:66 NIV - 66 Teach me **knowledge** and good judgment, for I trust your commands.
- Proverbs 1:4, 7, 22, 29 NIV - 4 for giving prudence to those who are simple, **knowledge** and discretion to the young-- ... 7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of **knowledge**, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. ... 22 "How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate **knowledge**? ...29 since they hated **knowledge** and did not choose to fear the LORD.
- Proverbs 8:9-10, 12 NIV - 9 To the discerning all of them are right; they are upright to those who have found **knowledge**. 10 Choose my instruction instead of silver, **knowledge** rather than choice gold, ... 12 "I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess **knowledge** and discretion.
- Proverbs 18:15 NIV - 15 The heart of the discerning acquires **knowledge**, for the ears of the wise seek it out. [An intelligent heart acquires **knowledge**, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. ESV]
- Isaiah 11:2 NIV - 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him--the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the **Spirit of the knowledge** and fear of the LORD—

- Isaiah 47:10 NIV - 10 You have trusted in your wickedness and have said, 'No one sees me.' Your wisdom and **knowledge** mislead you when you say to yourself, 'I am, and there is none besides me.'
- Hosea 4:1, 6 NIV - 1 Hear the word of the LORD, you Israelites, because the LORD has a charge to bring against you who live in the land: "There is no faithfulness, no love, no **acknowledgment** of God in the land. ... 6 my people are destroyed from lack of **knowledge**. "Because you have **rejected knowledge**, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children.

## Greek Words for Knowledge

The New Testament Greek uses more words for knowledge and knowing.

### Gnōsis

Noun (gno'-sis); ginōskō; knowing (the act), i.e. (by implication) knowledge:—knowledge, science. →Primary Greek word for knowledge

The KJV translates Strong's G1108 in the following manner: knowledge (28x), science (1x).

Gnōsis, occurs 30 times in 28 verses in the Greek concordance of the NASB.

What do the following scriptures tell us about Gnōsis?

- Luke 11:52 NIV - 52 "Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to **knowledge**. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering."
- Romans 11:33 NIV - 33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and **knowledge** of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!
- 1 Corinthians 8:1, 7, 10-11 NIV - 1 Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that "We all possess **knowledge**." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. ... 7 But not everyone possesses this **knowledge**. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ...10 For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your **knowledge**, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? 11 So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your **knowledge**.
- 1 Corinthians 13:2, 8 NIV - 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all **knowledge**, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ...
- 2 Corinthians 4:6 NIV - 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the **knowledge** of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

- Philippians 3:8 NIV - 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of **knowing** Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.
- 1 Timothy 6:20 NIV - 20 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called **knowledge**,

### Ginōskō

(ghin-ocē'-ko); a prolonged form of a primary verb; to "know" (absolutely) in a great variety of applications and with many implications (as follow, with others not thus clearly expressed):—allow, be aware (of), feel, (have) know(-ledge), perceived, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand.

The KJV translates ginōskō in the following manner: know (196x), perceive (9x), understand (8x), miscellaneous (10x).

Ginōskō occurs 225 times in 205 verses in the Greek concordance of the NASB.

What do the following scriptures tell us about ginōskō?

- Matthew 1:25 NIV - 25 But he **did not (know)** consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.
- Matthew 7:23 NIV - 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I **never knew you**. Away from me, you evildoers!'
- Matthew 13:11 NIV - 11 He replied, "Because the **knowledge** of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.
- John 10:6, 14-15, 27, 38 NIV - 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not **understand** what he was telling them. ... 14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep **know me**—15 just as the Father **knows** me and I **know** the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. ... 27 My sheep listen to my voice; I **know** them, and they follow me. ... 38 But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may **know** and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."
- Acts 17:13, 19-20 NIV - 13 But when the Jews in Thessalonica **learned** that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, some of them went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up. ... 19 Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we **know** what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to **know** what they mean."
- Romans 1:21 NIV - 21 For although they **knew** God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

- 1 John 2:3-5, 13-14, 18, 29 NIV - 3 We **know** that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. 4 Whoever says, "I **know** him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we **know** we are in him: ... 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you **know** him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. 14 I write to you, dear children, because you **know** the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you **know** him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one. ... 18 Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we **know** it is the last hour. ... 29 If you **know** that he is righteous, you **know** that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.
- 1 John 4:2, 6-8, 13, 16 NIV - 2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that **acknowledges** that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ... 6 We are from God, and whoever **knows** God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. 7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and **knows** God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ... 13 This is how we **know** that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ... 16 And so we **know** and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

### Epiginōskō

Verb- To know upon some mark, i.e. recognize; by implication, to become fully acquainted with, to acknowledge:—(ac-, have, take)know(-ledge, well), perceive.

The KJV translates epiginōskō in the following manner: know (30x), acknowledge (5x), perceive (3x), take knowledge of (2x), have knowledge of (1x), know well (1x).

Epiginōskō occurs 48 times in 40 verses in the Greek concordance of the NASB.

The prefix (preposition) epi- on, about, through...gives emphasis or direction to the word.

What do the following scriptures tell us about epiginōskō?

- Matthew 7:16, 20 NIV - 16 By their fruit you will **recognize** them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ... 20 Thus, by their fruit you will **recognize** them.
- Luke 5:22 NIV - 22 Jesus knew what they were **thinking** and asked, "Why are you **thinking** these things in your hearts?"

- 2 Peter 2:21 NIV - 21 It would have been better for them not to have **known** the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.

### Epignōsis

Noun - recognition, i.e. (by implication) full discernment, acknowledgement:—(ac-)knowledge(-ing, -ment).

The KJV translates epignōsis in the following manner: knowledge (16x), acknowledging (3x), acknowledgement (1x).

Epignōsis occurs 25 times in 20 verses in the Greek concordance of the NASB.

What do the following scriptures tell us about epignōsis?

- Romans 1:28 NIV - Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the **knowledge** of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.
- Ephesians 1:17 NIV - I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may **know** him better.
- Colossians 1:9, 10 NIV - For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the **knowledge** of God,
- Colossians 2:2 NIV - My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know [**have knowledge of**] the mystery of God, namely, Christ,
- Philemon 1:6 NIV - I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding [**knowledge**] of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.



# RESOURCES

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