

Add to Your Faith...

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2 Peter 1:3-5 (NKJV)

as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, **4** by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. **5** But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

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Questions

- What is knowledge?
- How does knowledge build on faith?
- What knowledge should I add to my faith?
- What effect will this knowledge have on me?

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What is Knowledge?

- To know, learn, understand, acknowledge
- Knowledge connected with our will and emotion

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John 7:17 (NKJV)

If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.

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- To know, learn, understand, acknowledge
- Knowledge connected with our will and emotion
- Personal, experiential, relational knowledge

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Genesis 4:1 (NKJV)

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the LORD.”

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How Does Knowledge Build on Faith/Belief?

John 4:42 - Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

John 6:69 - Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

John 8:31–32 - Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. **32** And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 14:20 - At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

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What Knowledge Should I add to my Faith?

- Who God is
- What He has done
- What He expects
- What He deserves
- That you are known
- That you are loved

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Know Who God Is

Deuteronomy 4:39 - Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the LORD Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

Isaiah 43:10–11 -“You are My witnesses,” says the LORD, “And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. **11** I, even I, am the LORD, And besides Me there is no savior.

Psalms 46:10 -Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

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Know What He Has Done

Isaiah 41:20 - That they may see and know, And consider and understand together, That the hand of the LORD has done this, And the Holy One of Israel has created it.

Deuteronomy 11:2 - Know today that I do not speak with your children, who have not known and who have not seen the chastening of the LORD your God, His greatness and His mighty hand and His outstretched arm—

Micah 6:5 - O My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled, And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him ...That you may know the righteousness of the LORD.”

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Know What He Deserves

Revelation 4:11 - “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

Revelation 5:9–10 - And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, **10** And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.” ... **12** ...

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

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Know What He Expects

Psalms 9:10 - And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Isaiah 11:9 - They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

Proverbs 1:7 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Jeremiah 22:16 - He judged the cause of the poor and needy; Then it was well. Was not this knowing Me?" says the LORD.

Matthew 10:25 - It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master.

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Know That You are Known

John 10:14–15, 27 - I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. **15** As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ... **27** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

John 15:4–5 - Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. **5** “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

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Know That You are Known

John 17:20–21 - “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **21** that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

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Know that You are Loved

John 13:1 - Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

John 14:23 - Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

John 15:13 - Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.

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Knowledge -> Obedience

1 John 2:3–6 (NKJV) — 3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. **4** He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. **5** But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. **6** He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

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Knowledge -> Love

1 John 4:7–8 - Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **8** He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. **10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

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Knowledge -> Love -> Sacrifice for Others

1 Corinthians 8:1–13 - Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. ... **3 But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.** **4** Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one.... **7** However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.... **13** Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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