

# **KNOWING GOD**

## **I John 2:12-14**

**Today let's consider some aspects of what truly knowing God involves.**

### **I. KNOWING GOD INITIALLY** (12)

- Little Children

- A. THEIR DESIGNATION: "Little children"
  - These who have been born into God's family
- B. THEIR DISTINCTION: "Sins forgiven"
  - 1. The guarantee: All of their sins were forgiven
    - See Acts 10:43
  - 2. Being guilt-free
- C. THEIR DELIVERANCE: For His name's sake
  - Literally: On account of the name of Him (Jesus) alone

### **II. KNOWING GOD INTIMATELY** (13a, 14a)

- Fathers

- A. THEIR ASSURANCE: They know Him
    - They know that they know God and not just about Him.
  - B. THEIR ABILITY: Knowing the One who is from the beginning
    - Understanding and correlating the things of God
  - C. THEIR ACTIONS: Responding to what they know
    - With intimate worship and humble confession
- See Job 42:1-6

### III. KNOWING GOD DYNAMICALLY (13b, 14b)

- Young men

#### A. THEIR VITALITY: Strong

- Able-bodied, enthusiastic, independent and maturing

#### B. THEIR VIRTUE: The Word of God abides in them

1. They eat right: Feasting on the Word

- See Josh. 1:8, Jer. 15:16 and II Tim. 3:16-17

2. They keep right: Psalm 119:11

#### C. THEIR VICTORY: They have overcome the evil one

- Properly armed (Eph. 6:10-12), engaged, effective and proud

### IV. KNOWING GOD TRUSTINGLY (13c)

- Children

#### A. THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

1. These are immature ones

2. These need protection and instruction

#### B. THEIR SITUATION: They know God

1. Assurance: They know God as a Father who loves and cares for them.

2. Excitement: They eagerly reach out to him for loving interaction - See Gal. 4:4-6

3. Compliance: They seek to understand and follow His directions, even though they may not understand why He says is guiding in that way.

4. Devotion: They study Him and seek to mimic Him

### CONCLUSION:

#### **Knowing God involves ...**

1. Forgiveness at new birth
2. Assurance as fathers
3. Victory as young men
4. Trust as children

#### ***Do you know Him?***

**Might each of us know Him more and serve Him better! - II Peter 3:17-18**

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