

## INTRODUCTION

- \* THE QUEST ... KNOWING GOD
- \* Philippians 3: 1-14 ... Paul was willing to sacrifice everything in pursuit of knowing Christ - God in the flesh - and being conformed to His image.
- \* WHY? ... Because KNOWING GOD - Having a vibrant, growing relationship with the God of the universe - is more satisfying and stimulating than any other relationship than you could ever have.
- \* WHY? ... That is what I would like to begin to consider today ... today we begin to step onto a beach with a unending view of a vast ocean. That ocean represents God ... there is so much to explore ... so much to learn! And when we finish our series, we will have only begun!

## INSTRUCTION

### I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "KNOW" GOD? ...

- a. O \_\_\_\_\_ v. G \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Matthew 20: 21-22,25; Mk 13: 28-33) ... see web for verse listings
- b. T \_\_\_\_\_ v. T \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. I Corinthians 8: 1-4; Jeremiah 22: 11-16; I John 2: 4-5)

### II. WHY SHOULD I DESIRE TO "KNOW" GOD?

#### A. Because of God's Desire For Us

- \* Genesis 3:8-9; Exodus 6:7; 7:5; 31:13; Deuteronomy 29:5-6; I Kings 20:13
- \* I John 4:9-10; Galatians 4:4-5; John 1:10-12; Jeremiah 9:23-24

#### B. Because of Our Need For Him

1. KNOWING GOD IS THE SOURCE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* John 17:3; 5:24; Galatians 4: 4-9; Matt hew 7: 21-23; I Corinthians 13: 12)

2. KNOWING GOD IS THE SOURCE OF \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. II Peter 3: 18)  
*... God has predestined me to be conformed to the image of His blessed Son (Rom 8) ... who being in very nature God (Phil 2) is the image of the invisible God (Col 1), and in Whom the fullness of the Godhead dwelt bodily. (Col 2) Hence part of knowing God is knowing Christ ... our study of God will include a consideration of who He is in His fullness - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

### III. HOW CAN I "KNOW" GOD?

A. You Must E \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ The Relationship (Psalm 46: 8,10; Psalm 63: 1-6; Psalm 9: 16)

B. You Must D \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ The Relationship (Proverbs 2: 1-6; Hebrews 11: 6; Psalm 9:10; Matthew 6: 31-33)

### IV. WHAT WILL BE THE RESULTS OF "KNOWING" GOD?

A. Knowing God Will Create A Desire to W \_\_\_\_\_ Him

B. Knowing God Will Create A Desire to R \_\_\_\_\_ Him

## INTROSPECTION

☞ DO YOU HONESTLY KNOW GOD?

HAVE YOU ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION TO BE ADOPTED INTO HIS FAMILY?

☞ DO YOU WANT TO KNOW HIM MORE FULLY?

WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO DO TO ASSIST IN THAT PROCESS?