

Knowing God through His Words

2 Peter 1, 1 Corinthians 2:4-16 [ESV]

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- Falling in love through letters & understanding another Person through letters
- The centrality of knowing God for Christian living (2 Pet 1:2-4a)
 - Grace and peace multiplied unto you
 - By God's divine power
 - "Through the knowledge" of God
 - Leads to godliness and right living as we become partners sharing in the Divine Nature.
 - Connecting knowing God to service & right living. (v. 4b-8)
- The Bible - God's letter to us so we can know Him! (2 Pet. 12-21)
 - Peter recognized his own writings as from the Lord (v. 12-15)
 - "I heard God's voice confirm the truth of Jesus!" (v. 16-18) "but..."
 - even *more sure* than that are the "prophetic words" we have now (v. 19-21)
- God speaks to us through the Bible, revealing Himself to us in very intimate ways through the Holy Spirit! (1 Corinthians 2:4-16)
 - (vs. 4) my speech and my message were... in demonstration of the Spirit and of power
 - (vs. 5) your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God
 - (vs. 7) we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God
 - (vs. 9) KJV= But as it is written , Eye hath not seen , nor ear heard , neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him
 - (vs. 10) these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit
 - (vs. 11) no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God
 - (vs. 12) we have received... the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God
 - (vs. 13) we impart in words not taught by human wisdom; taught by the Spirit