

Knowing God through Service

Experience Him as He Works in us!

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1 Peter 1:1b-2 (ESV) “To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2 may grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.”

Service - God’s constant plan from Genesis through Revelation!

Eph. 3:4-10 Paul’s understanding the spiritual aspect of His service to the Lord

- Mysterious nature of the gospel message and Paul’s insight = inward aspects of knowing God (v.4-6)
- The place of service (outward aspect) in relating to God (v. 7) service to the Lord is by what God does in us
- In suffering as we serve we experience God’s power & presence

1 Cor. 12:1-11 God through the Holy Spirit gives to and empowers every Christian.

Rom. 12:1-6a Using His gifts to us - critical aspect of coming to know our Lord

- The sacrifice of one’s own will compels to serve even in ways that may seem uncomfortable or unnatural leading to the discovery of gifts we didn’t know existed in us. They didn’t exist in us – they are directly from the Holy Spirit and function to glorify God.
- As we recognize God as working through us we come to know Him in ways not possible apart from serving in the fellowship of other believers in the body of Christ (the church).
- Knowing God requires a balance of seeking Him through prayer, His Word, and service together with other believers.