



Twice Jesus described getting to the gates of heaven only to hear God say "I know you not!" and forbidding entrance. This is shocking! Does God know me? How can I know God? God wants to know you (13:34).

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *Life's greatest possession is to know God and be known of God.*

1. THE _____ OF THE GOSPEL John 17:3; 1 John 1

"eternal life" – not a duration, not a future possession, but a quality of present possession. What is eternal life?to _____ God.

"eternal life" – not a destiny but a present relationship.

Do YOU know God?

2. THE _____ OF THE GOSPEL Philippians 3

Paul counted all things in his life as a loss for the treasure of knowing God! (3:7-8) What did it mean to Paul to know God?

1) The Starting Point – to _____ Jesus v. 8b-9

How do I gain Jesus in my life?

⇒ It will cost you everything – v. 8

⇒ It will require that you acknowledge your inability – v. 9a

⇒ It will require that you trust Jesus alone – v. 9b

2) The Rest of Your Life – to _____ Jesus... v. 10-11

⇒ Personally – "to know him"

⇒ Powerfully – "to know...the power of His resurrection"

⇒ Painfully – "to know...the fellowship of His suffering"

Do YOU know God? Communicating with Him in prayer? Listening to Him through your Bible? Are you fully experiencing eternal life? How do you *know* that you know God and He knows you? Study Romans 8 and 1st John.



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Your Pastor's Prayer – Ephesians 1:15-23