

i John Series

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Outline of 1 John

- I. Introduction: Fellowship is crucial for spiritual growth. (1:1–4)
- II. Prologue: Recovering and enjoying the life of fellowship with God. (1:5–2:11)

The importance of maintaining the life of fellowship with the God of light to advance spiritually. (1:5–2:2)

Three false claims

The importance of knowing and loving God to advance into spiritual adulthood. (2:3–2:11)

Spiritual Adults (*uiJoi*; *huioi*, adult sons, Rom. 8:14)

PLG,
Rom. 5:5

ILM,
Gal. 5:14

O/C,
Heb. 2:2

+H,
James 1:2

Spiritual Adolescence (*neanivskoi*, *neaniskoi*, 1 John 2:13)

Personal Sense of Your Eternal Destiny

Rom. 8:16–17

Spiritual Childhood (*tevknon*, *teknon* *Paidivon*, *paidion*, 1 Jn. 2:14)

Confess,
1 John 1:9

FHS, WHS
Eph. 5:18

FRD,
2 Pet. 1:3, 4

G/O,
2 Pet. 3:18

D/O,
2 Pet. 3:18

1 John 2:3,

“[AND] By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.”

And

Kai, *kai*

Connective *kai* This use simply connects an additional element to a discussion or adds an additional idea to the train of thought.

AND BY THIS

By this

εἰς τὸ αὐτὸ, *en touto,*

***En,* plus dative of instrument,**

***houtos,* near demonstrative,**

**BY THIS PRINCIPLE OR BY THIS
TEST**

we know,

present, continuous

active, the believer performs the action

indicative, reality

3p, we, believers, the same as before.

we know, ginosko, to learn, know,

recognize, here to learn something or

know something experientially.

that,

hoti,

after verbs of perception, this is a form of indirect discourse, explaining what is known.

we have come to know,

ginosko,

Perfect, intensive, emphasize
present reality of a past action.

Active, subject performs the action

Indicative, reality, certainty of
knowledge

1 Plural, ***WE come to know***

Him,

auton,

the accusative direct object of the verb

**But what does John mean by
*knowing God?***

a. to know about God, i.e., to know facts, to ascertain theological information, to know what the Bible teaches.

ESSENCE OF GOD

Sovereign

Omniscience

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Omnipotent

Love

Veracity

Eternal Life

Immutability

b. To know God, as in salvation.

**To know God = genuine saving
faith**

John 11:25, “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who **believes** in Me will live even if he dies,

John 11:26, “ ‘and everyone who lives and **believes** in Me will never die. Do you **believe** this?’ ”

John 11:27, “She said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; I have **believed** that You are the Christ, the Son of God, *even* He who comes into the world.’ ”

John 9:35–37,

35 “Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, ‘Do you **believe** in the Son of Man?’

36 “He answered, ‘Who is He, Lord, that I may **believe** in Him?’

37 “Jesus said to him, ‘You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.’ ”

John 3:18,

“He who **believes** in Him is not condemned, but he who **believeth** not is condemned already because He has not **believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

John 14:6–9,

6 “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

7“ ‘If you [pl] had known Me, you [pl] would have known My Father also; from now on you [pl] know Him, and have seen Him.’ ”

8 “Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.’

9 “Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been so long with you [pl], and yet you [sg] have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, “Show us the Father”?’ ”

a. Knowing God is related to keeping His commandments.

b. The person who does not keep the commandment does not have the truth in him and is self deceived, this is parallel to 1:8; the person who claims that there is not even one sin in him.

c. A process is clearly in view from v. 5. The verb here is *teleio*, brought to completion, brought to maturity. This is not a verb related to salvation but related to spiritual maturity.

- 1. Begins with Faith-Rest Drill, we first learn to trust God by claiming promises.**

2. We begin to learn grace orientation.

3. As we orient to God's authority we also begin to learn about His plan and purposes. We study doctrine and begin to learn how God thinks.

4. As we begin to orient to that destiny and make decisions today in light of eternity we begin to love God.

5. Knowing God, develops through constant abiding in Him

6. This shows that abiding, walking, keeping His commandments, are all related to the experiential fellowship of the believer in time.

1 John 3:24, “The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.”