

SERMON NOTES

Title: To Know Him
Text: John 17:3
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Introduction:

- A. The truth about God is, “To Know Him is to Love Him!”
- B. Twelve and a half years ago I came to you with this burden in my heart – that above all else, we might know God. [Matthew 28:19-20](#) (NIV), [Mark 12:29-31](#) (NIV)

Body:

- I. To Know Him has to be our number one priority. [John 17:3](#) (NIV)
 - A. It is not enough just to believe in God. [James 2:19](#) (NIV)
 - B. The key is in the phrase, “that they may know you.” [John 17:3](#) (NIV)
 - 1. We must also know Jesus Christ, the one God sent into the world.
- II. The relationship we have with God the Father and Jesus the Son is a family relationship.
 - A. Family relationships are the closest, most intimate relationships we human beings can have. [John 15:13-15](#) (NIV), [Hebrews 2:11](#) (NIV), [John 1:12](#) (NIV), [1 John 3:1](#) (NIV), [Galatians 3:26](#) (NIV)
 - B. This relationship is characterized by two things: love and obedience.
[1 John 5:2](#) (NIV), [John 14:23-24](#) (NIV)
- III. Love and obedience to Jesus and to God the Father validates our worship.
 - A. Jesus rebuked the Jewish leaders of His day for their hypocrisy. [Matthew 15:7-9](#) (NIV)
[Mark 12:30](#) (NIV)
 - a. To know Him is to worship Him.
 - B. Worship is the first purpose of the church. [John 4:23-24](#) (NIV)

Conclusion:

- [John 17:3](#) (NIV)
- A. First and foremost we must come to know Him.
- B. Do you know Him today?