



The Why and How of God's Word (Pt 2)

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Why do you read the word of God? Perhaps a better question is why should you read the word of God?

I will give you three reasons why we read the word of God. We read so that we can:

- 1) Know God
- 2) Hear from God
- 3) Recognize and Respond to the Promises of God

TO KNOW GOD

Friends we read God's word

not "basic instructions before leaving earth" – the Bible is the satisfactory revelation of who God is and what God has done for us.

As believers it should be our hearts desire to know God. Theologian JI Packer said, "What makes life worthwhile is having a big enough objective, something which catches our imagination and lays hold of our allegiance, and this the Christian has in a way that no other person has.

Surely that which has been created cannot fully understand that which creates it.

so that we can know Him. God reveals Himself in scripture – it is by and through His word that God allows us to know Him.

God gave us scripture, not as our guide, but as His source of revelation. The Bible is not a book of moral tale – the Bible is

For what higher, more exalted, and more compelling goal can there be than to know God?"

Friend, do you know God? Do you know the one true God – not the God of your imagination – not the God of your upbringing – not the

Upcoming events



Friday, 1/16

B JV/V @ Lanesville, 6 p.m.

Saturday, 1/17

B JV/V vs. Charlestown, 6 p.m.
G JV/V @ Pekin, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 1/20

G JV/V @ Henryville, 6 p.m.

God of your own design – but the one true God, the God of the Bible?

God's word is an amazing gift because it is the gift of Himself. And when handling this gift there is one thing we must remember – you can know God but God cannot fully be known.

If you understand this from the onset, you will save yourself much time, much trial and much heartache. As His creation we cannot fully know God. No matter our depth of scripture, we must remember, we are finite and God is infinite.

God cannot be fully understood – perhaps a better way of saying this would be God is incomprehensible.

We cannot fully know God but we can know things about Him, though our comprehension is only to the degree He has allowed.

The Psalmist said, "Yahweh is great and highly praised, His greatness is unsearchable – Our Lord is great, vast in

power, His understanding is infinite."

God's greatness, His power, His ways, His understanding, they are far above our full comprehension. He is the creator, we are the creatures – surely that which has been created cannot fully understand that which creates it.

Take heart for there is beauty in this.

As His creation we have the POSITION of not knowing everything about God, but we have the PRIVILEGE of knowing something of God.

We can know something of His love – something of His greatness – His power- His riches.

We can know something of God, and if we are honest, this annoys us. For the competitor, the perfectionist, the one who doesn't start what he can't finish, this annoys us. Knowing something is unknowable irritates a generation that gets what it

wants with the touch of a screen.

But take heart – there is beauty in this.

When we come to understanding that God is fully unknowable, that He is infinite, what that means to us, those who are finite, what the means is that we get to spend a lifetime plus eternity learning something new about our Maker every day. Every day we can discover His mercy, His power, His love – we can discover it anew.

We have an eternal amount of time to go deep with God. As His children we get to spend today, tomorrow and forever getting to know the One who first loved us.

And this relationship begins and, continues, with His word. If you want to know God you must read His word.

Read, so that you can know God.

Be well,

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