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Knowing Love - Part 4

1 John 4:8, “Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

Because “knowing” God develops in us the love of God, we should seek to know Him more and more everyday. Knowing God means spending time with Him just like getting to know others means we spend time with them; we listen to them, laugh with them, cry with them, talk with them.

There are at least three ways that we can get to know God better. I’m assuming that if you are reading this, you’ve already begun your relationship with Him through accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. Naturally that is the beginning of your “knowing.”

First of all, you can know Him better by spending time with Him in His Word; the Bible. Everything that we need to know, He has given us through the inspired scriptures. The more you take in God’s Word, the more you understand Him and His plan for you. As the Psalmist declares: Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. We can know Him better when we read His love letter to us.

Secondly, you can know Him better by talking to Him. He wants to hear you. He cares about you because He loves you. Open up to Him and tell Him the things that are on your mind and in your heart. He loves when we spend time with Him in conversation. Remember He wants us to talk to Him. Jeremiah wrote that God wants us to: Call on Me and I will show you great and mighty things which you cannot comprehend.

Thirdly, you can know God more as you listen to His voice. That happens by a combination of the first two things; spending time in His word and in conversation with Him. That brings about an attitude of listening to His Holy Spirit that lives within you if you are His child. His Word tells us that we are to: Be still, and know that I am God. Just like any relationship we have, we must not always talk, but we must also listen. "Be still" reminds us to slow down, calm our minds and our hearts, and just listen to Him. He will speak. He always does.

As we get to know Him better, the outcome will be that we begin to love others because of Him. He is love.

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Dear Father, I want to know You more today. I want to spend time with You. I will hide Your Word in my heart that I may not sin against You. I will confess my sins to You that I can be clean and useful. I will be still and listen to what You have to say to me. I just want to be in Your presence today. In Jesus Name, Amen