



Date: October 15, 2023
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Series: Everything We Need
Scripture: 2 Peter 1: 3-11
Message: Knowledge

1. Sunday Summary: This Sunday we looked at 2 Peter 1: 3-11 again, particularly the word “knowledge.” How it is used in the text and the rest of the Bible. In this sermon we saw how the fundamental saving knowledge is not so much “head knowledge” (Gnosis) but our relationship with Jesus Christ, knowing him personally and intimately (Ginosko). However, in this text, Paul encourages us to add to our personal faith, “knowledge” (Gnosis), and so head knowledge is very important as well. As much as we know someone personally, if we really love them we will want to know things about them, and honour their commands. Which leads us to the third word for knowledge in our text which combines both. Scriptures translate it to mean “Real Knowledge” and “True and Intimate Knowledge,” it is the combination of both.

2. Connecting Questions: (Interactive, life sharing, thought & feeling type stuff)

- Which type of Knowledge do you more gravitate to in your faith walk? Head Knowledge (Gnosis) or Heart Knowledge (Ginosko). What can you learn from others who lean the other direction?

- Share a time in your life when you were too focussed on head knowledge, and not enough on heart knowledge? What comfort is it to you to know and be known by others, even when your exact knowledge of details can be off?

- Share a time in your life, when you were too focussed on heart knowledge, and needed to add more head knowledge to the equation.

3. Truth Questions: (What does the Bible say?)

- Read Matthew 7:21-23. What do you think Jesus means when he says, “depart from me I never knew (Ginosko) you?” Is there a danger in having too much head knowledge and not enough personal heart knowledge?
- Why do you think our text says, “add to your faith” Knowledge (Gnosis)? Why do you think getting that order right is important?

4. Formation Questions: (Taking it further, How does the Truth change the way I live?)

- When it comes to erring too much to head knowledge or too much to heart knowledge, how do both of these extremes impact our relationship with God?
- What would it look like to start with a foundation in heart knowledge, and then *add* head knowledge too that, instead of the other way around.
- Are you someone who needs to grow in the *head knowledge* (Gnosis) direction or in the *heart knowledge* (Ginosko) direction? What faith practices can you start to build that more into your faith.

5. Resources for Further Study:

1. [Not a Fan: Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus: Idleman, Kyle: 0025986331931: Books - Amazon.ca](#)
2. [The End of Religion: Encountering the Subversive Spirituality of Jesus: Cavey, Bruxy: 9781513805498: Books - Amazon.ca](#)
3. [An Introduction to Christian Philosophical Theology: Faith Seeking Understanding: Stephen T. Davis, Eric T. Yang, Tommy Cresswell, Zondervan Academic: Amazon.ca: Books](#)

