

“Our Triune God”

Rom. 11:33-36

Knowing Him and Making Him Known

We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections.

Romans 11:33-36 is the only appropriate response to the study of God. God's wisdom, knowledge, judgment, and ways are inexhaustible, unsearchable, and incomprehensible. No one stands as an equal to God. He seeks counsel from no one.

It is because of this He is to receive all glory forever and ever, amen. This is where a proper knowledge of God will lead us. It is our desire to see the majesty of God and to leave worshipping Him.

I. WHO IS OUR GOD?

Exodus 8:10, 9:14, 29, 15:11, etc.

Friend, there is none like our God . . . none. Friend, may we look past this temporal façade and see Him. May we truly realize just how wonderful is the situation in which we find ourselves. We are the people of God. He picked us and made us His own.

II. WHY SHOULD WE KNOW GOD?

- **First**, to study the Scripture is to know God and to know Him is life eternal (John 5:39).
- **Second**, all other views are false views of God to the mind and conscience.
- **Third**, knowledge of God should deepen our relationship with Him, which in turn increases our desire to know more about Him.
- **Fourth**, To the degree [that] we truly comprehend what God is like, we will respond to Him in worship.

III. HOW DO WE KNOW GOD?

If I were to ask you, “What is God like?” how would you go about describing Him? Chances are you would describe Him based on one-word statements. He is holy, powerful, righteous, gracious, and so on. These statements are true. God reveals Himself in the expression of His attributes.

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Notice seven observations.

- **First**, the attributes have an objective existence.
- **Second**, the attributes exist in the divine essence.
- **Third**, the attributes manifest the divine essence.
- **Fourth**, the attributes are qualities of the entire Godhead.
- **Fifth**, the attributes are permanent qualities.
- **Sixth**, the attributes are inseparable from the being or essence of God.
- **Seventh**, God is more than the sum total of His perfections (attributes).

IV. HOW MUCH OF GOD DO WE ACTUALLY KNOW?

The study of God allows us to catch a glimpse of Him, *but it is only a peek!* Consider the words of Moses in Exodus 33:17-23, especially verse 23. All we are seeing are God's "back parts." Consider also Job 11:7, 26:14, and 1 Timothy 6:16

Friend, we know nothing of God's majesty. We sit in our finitude and believe we know God. We argue about how feeble our Christianity is and how boring the truth of Scripture is.

Our God is bigger (Isaiah 40:12), smarter (Isaiah 40:13, 14), and greater (Isaiah 40:15) than all we see. Oh may God be pleased simply to show us His "back parts." Such a view will transform the way we approach worship and live life and think theology.