

C. Biblical Teaching Concerning the Doctrine

In Scripture we discover that true knowledge of God is possible, through God's special revelation of Himself, through Christ's incarnation, atonement, and resurrection, and through the new birth.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 -- "Thus says the Lord, 'Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,' declares the Lord."

John 1:14, 18 -- "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."... "No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him."

I John 5:20 -- "And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life."

I John 4:7-8 -- "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

I Corinthians 2:11-12, 14 -- "For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,... But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised."

In Scripture we also discover that exhaustive, perfect, complete knowledge of God is not possible, because of who and what God is, and because of who and what we are.

Psalm 147:5 -- "Great is our Lord, and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite."

Isaiah 55:8-9 -- "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts."