

- ◆ The thought that God is **present everywhere** is staggering. But to be aware of His presence in times of need brings comfort and hope.
- ◆ The thought that God **knows everything** is mind-boggling. But to have the confidence that no detail of our lives escapes His attention is to enjoy a peace that endures through every trial.
- ◆ The thought that the Lord is **all-powerful** makes us marvel at His greatness. But to have Him actually work in, through, and for us encourages us to relax in His mighty arms.
- ◆ The thought that God **never changes** is a reassuring truth. But to commit ourselves to the care of this never-changing One is to know the stability of His faithfulness.
- ◆ The thought that **God is love** is wonderful to contemplate. But to know Him as a loving Redeemer through personal faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, brings the joy of sins forgiven.

The writer of Psalm 96 knew God, and that relationship was reflected in his words. His heart poured out praise, and he longed for others to know the Lord and worship Him as well.

Do you know God personally? Does it show? —RWD

*Sing praise to God who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation. —Schutz*

**Knowing about God is fascinating;
knowing God personally is life-changing.**



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Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Cubbies programme is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to Kindy age bracket.**

Knowing God

Read: Psalm 96

Let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord. —Jeremiah 9:24

It's one thing to know about God, but it's quite another to know Him personally. Let's see how this distinction applies when considering some of God's attributes.





Soaring: Trusting the God of Love

The Scripture will give us a true picture of the God of love in two stages:

1. _____ the truth of God's love,

1 John 4:16, 8-10

(Jeremiah 31:3) "The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you."

◆ God is _____, 1 John 4:16

◆ God's love is _____, Jeremiah 31:3

◆ God's love is _____,

(Deuteronomy 7:7-8) "'The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; {8} "but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt."

(1 Corinthians 11:25) "In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.""

◆ God's love is _____,

(Exodus 34:6-7) "... "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, {7} "keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation.""

(Psalms 103:8) "The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy."

(Ephesians 3:20-21) "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, {21} to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

◆ God's love is _____,

(Romans 5:5) "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

◆ God's love is like a _____ love,

(Luke 15:18-24) "'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, {19} "and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." {20} "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. {21} "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' {22} "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. {23} 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; {24} 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry."



◆ God's love is like a _____ love,

(Isaiah 49:15) "'Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you."

◆ God's love is like a _____ love,

(Hosea 3:2-3) "So I bought her for myself for fifteen shekels of silver, and one and one-half homers of barley. {3} And I said to her, "You shall stay with me many days; you shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man; so, too, will I be toward you.""

◆ God has _____ His love at

_____, 1 John 4:8-10

(Ephesians 1:6-7) "to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved. {7} In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace"



2. _____ the truth of God's love, 1 John 4:16-18

◆ God loves _____ despite what _____, Deuteronomy 7:7-8

(Romans 5:6-8) "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. {7} For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. {8} But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

(Ephesians 2:4-5) "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, {5} even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),"

◆ God loves _____ despite the

_____,

(Romans 8:35-39) "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... {37} Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. {38} For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, {39} nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(Romans 8:28-32) "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. {29} For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. {30} Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. {31} What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? {32} He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

(Ephesians 3:17-19) "that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, {18} may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height; {19} to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

(Psalms 34:8) "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!"

(Isaiah 40:31) "But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

