

## What is Known and What is Not Known

*all scripture is from the New King James Version*

**Romans 11:33** Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

**1 Corinthians 2:11** For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

There are surely things revealed in God's Word that plainly tell us how things came about, how they are and where they are going. From beginning in Genesis and ending in Revelation, God has told us the things we need to know to have a close and nurturing relationship with Him through His Son Jesus, the Christ.

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10** But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

**2 Peter 1:2-3** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

Today, and I suppose since man has been on the Earth, he has questioned the existence of God (although the Word reveals God was evident to all in the beginning — **Romans 1:20-21**) and has questioned just exactly how He made it all to happen. They are not willing to accept that God through His infinite power simply "spoke" things into existence; they want a detailed account of how it all came about. They want a detailed understanding of how God took mud and formed a man and then breathed life into him. How were man's many organs, veins, corpuscles and skin cells made? How was mud transformed into living tissue? They want to know the unknowable.

For the believer, his faith in the part God has revealed to us is sufficient.

**Job 11:7** "Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?"

**Psalms 139:6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.

**Proverbs 30:4** Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?

**Acts 17:24-27** God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

As we read through the thoughts and revelations of God in His Word, we see a thread that connects together a plan for the salvation of mankind. We are allowed to look partially into the great love with which God has loved us.

**Genesis 3:14-15** So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

**John 12:31** Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

**John 16:8-11** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

**1 John 4:4** You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

**John 3:17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

When we let the troubles and trials of this life and the world around us occupy our thoughts and fears, we miss the blessings Jesus has given us in His Word.

**John 14:1-2** Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

**Colossians 3:2-3** Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

**Romans 8:38-39** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 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.

**2 Timothy 1:12** For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

**Revelation 7:13-14** Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

And, now you know.

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