NO GOD NO PEACE

KNOW GOD KNOW PEACE
Know God...Know Peace
Knowing God...

• From His Creation
The heavens declare the glory of God, 
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. 
Day to day pours out speech, 
and night to night reveals knowledge. 
There is no speech, nor are there words, 
whose voice is not heard. 
Their voice goes out through all the earth, 
and their words to the end of the world. 
In them he has set a tent for the sun, 
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, 
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. 
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, 
and its circuit to the end of them, 
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
Knowing God...

• From His Creation

• From What Others Tell Us
  – Word of God inspired by Spirit
The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

Psalm 19:7-9
Knowing God...

• From His Creation
• From What Others Tell Us
• From Personal Experience

“Knowledge Gained From Firsthand Relationship”

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. – II Peter 1:2
Knowing God...

• Nothing More than **Intellectual Knowledge**
  – Never develop firsthand relationship
  – Grave danger for “People of the Book”
Knowing God...

- Nothing more than Intellectual Knowledge
- Nothing More than Emotional Knowledge
  - Basing beliefs about God on subjective feelings

Sole Intellectual Knowledge and Sole Emotional Knowledge are Equally Wrong
Grace and peace multiplied in the knowledge of God and Jesus.
Knowing Grace

• Cannot be a Christian without Grace and Peace
  – But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—  -- Ephesians 2:4-5
  – Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ – Romans 5:1
Knowing Grace

• Cannot be a Christian without Grace and Peace
  – Grace: Undeserved gift of God
  – Peace: Wholeness, safety

Peter and Paul Use this Introduction to Epistles (Letters) to Show that the Intellectual Knowledge to Follow will Help Readers in their Personal Experience with God
Knowing Grace

• Grace and Peace Multiplied
  – Life is not static; neither is grace and peace of God
    • Found in more than initial salvation
And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.
So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. – II Corinthians 12:7-9
Knowing Grace

• Grace and Peace Multiplied
  – Each of us has a life, just as Joseph and Paul
  • Neither our problems or God’s grace is static

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials
  -- I Peter 1:6

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace
  -- I Peter 4:10
Knowing Peace

• Peace gained only by knowing God is present
  – And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:7
Knowing Peace

• Our Challenge:
  – To **know** God
  – To **trust** God

• We must be of tougher stock
  – Can’t give up on God every time we don’t get our way
  – Peace is not based on thinking God caters to our whims

• It is knowing God works for our eternal betterment

Number of Bible People Who...
- Were faithful, with no problems 0
- Got everything they thought they wanted 0
Do You Know God?