How Well Do You Know God? by John Piper, Solid Joys, desiringGod.org

"Behold, God is great, and we know him not; the number of his years is unsearchable." (Job 36:26)

It is impossible to know God too well. He is the most important person who exists. And this is because he made all others, and any importance they have is owing to him.

Any strength or intelligence or skill or beauty that other beings have comes from him. On every scale of excellence, he is infinitely greater than the best person you ever knew or ever heard of.

Being infinite, he is inexhaustibly interesting. It is impossible, therefore, that God be boring. His continual demonstration of the most intelligent and interesting actions is volcanic.

As the source of every good pleasure, he himself pleases fully and finally. If that's not how we experience him, we are either dead, or blind, or sleepwalking.

It is therefore astonishing how little effort in this world is put into knowing God. It's as though the President of the United States came to live with you for a month, and you only said hello in passing every day or so. Or as if you were flown at the speed of light for a couple of hours around the sun and the solar system, and instead of looking out the window, you played a computer game. Or as if you were invited to watch the best actors, singers, athletes, inventors, and scholars perform their best, but you declined to go, so you could watch the TV season's final soap.

Let us pray together that our infinitely great God would incline our hearts, and open our eyes to see him as fully as we can and seek to know him more.



TODAY Communion 7/8-11 Beach Retreat 7/11 Small Groups 7:15 PM 7/12 7th-9th Bible Study 7/13 Brad Kinnison & Abbie engagement party 7-9 PM 7/22 Salvador Gomez preaching AM 7/24-27 Family Conference Give

Upcoming Events





Pastors

Gary Hendrix Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton Michael Lopes

Service Times

- -Sunday School 9:30 am
- -Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- -Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- -Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn
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Pastor Andy Dunkerton #4 All Praise to God Psalm 42-43, page 469

Offertory

Mercies Anew

1. Every morning that breaks there are mercies anew. Every breath that I take is Your faithfulness proved, And at the end of each day, when my labors are through, I will sing of Your mercies anew.

2. When I've fallen and strayed there were mercies anew. For You sought me in love and my heart You pursued. In the face of my sin, Lord, You never withdrew. So I sing of Your mercies anew.

(Chorus) And Your mercies they will never end; For ten thousand years they remain. And when this world's beauty has passed away, Your mercies will be unchanged.

3. And when the storms swirl and rage, there are mercies anew. In affliction and pain, You will carry me through, And at the end of my days, when Your throne fills my view, I will sing of Your mercies anew. I will sing of Your mercies anew.

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Preparatory

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

(Chorus)
Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam What father, so tender, is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

(Chorus)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us His blood was the payment, his life was the cost We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

(Chorus 3x)

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Sermon

Pastor Jahill Richards

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Bob Prentice

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love, and sing, and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood. He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies, called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes: He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down! For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the Conqueror's crown, He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store; When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles, and asks no more: He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high; Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky: "Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou hast washed us with Thy blood;

Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!"

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Isaiah 52:13-53:12, page 613

Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer

Offertory/Preparatory Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts, O God, help us to receive Break the hard and stony ground, help our unbelief Plant Your Word down deep in us, cause it to bear fruit Open up our ears to hear, lead us in Your truth

(CHORUS) Show us Christ, show us Christ O God, reveal Your glory Through the preaching of Your Word Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes Guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave Riches for the needy soul; come, speak to us today **(CHORUS)**

BRIDGE (3x)

Where else can we go, Lord, where else can we go? You have the words of eternal life... Show us Christ, show us Christ (CHORUS)

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