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INTRODUCTION

1. TGB: Life in God by 2nd person proper knowledge and proper love: Rom. 1:20-21; Matt. 22:37-40; 1 Jn 4:19; Rom. 11:33; John 1:14-18; 3:16, 19-21; 1 Cor. 13:37; Heb. 8:8-12; James 1:13, 17; Psa. 25:8; 119:68; Jer. 33:11; Nahum 1:7; Psa. 23:6; 31:19; 1 Cor 2:9; Psa. 145:9; Acts 14:17; Matt. 19:17; Psa. 73:24-25.
2. TGB: Chronological reading through the NT: 1 Thessalonians – Galatians 1.
3. TGB: Philosophy of hermeneutics (16). Jennings Finis Dake and the problem of taking language in “its usual, natural, or literal meaning” (even in the original Greek or Hebrew) without the benefit of PR’s philosophy of language, cf., John 4:24; Ex. 33:11; Ruth 2:12.
4. TGB: Scientific knowledge: Overview of the 3 degrees of knowledge with emphasis on beings of reason and the 3rd degree of knowledge that rules over all other knowledge, namely, metaphysics.

Faith-knowledge compared to other types of knowledge of God.

1. Rational knowledge of God is for all people, Rom. 1:20; Psa 19:1-2; Acts 14:17. This is propositional knowledge of God. This is a natural knowledge of God and thus does not require special grace (a lifting up into the very life of God).
2. Faith-knowledge of God is suprarational knowledge of God for the regenerate only. This faith-knowledge is knowledge of the mysteries of God that God shares with His own and are found in the Word of God. This knowledge is, in and of itself, mediated by concepts and words and primarily a suprapropositional knowledge. This knowledge requires supernatural grace as it this knowledge transcends the natural level.

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3. Supra-experiential knowledge of God, which is obtained by love. It is a direct affective connection to God that has as its foundation in suprarational faith-knowledge (Psa. 34:8; 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 Cor. 6:19), but it is not mediated like our cognitive connections with God. This supra-experiential knowledge is a result of direct participation in the very essence of deity. This is not to be confused with experiential knowledge of God that has as its object propositions about God, be they rational or superrational. This is a direct unmediated connection with God by love. This is why love is so important.
4. Face-to-face knowledge of God: the Beatific Vision (1 Cor. 13:12-13; 1 Jn. 3:2).

There are 6 dimensions of biblical faith-knowledge

- 1. The supernatural light of faith,** 1 Thess. 1:5; 1 John 3:24; 4:13; 2 Cor 5:1; John 6:68-69; 16:13; 1 John 4:16. The supernatural light of faith-knowledge is primarily conceptual rather than direct and unmediated. We all need to be aware of the scriptural warnings about putting out the light of faith-knowledge, Mat 6:19-24; 1 Tim. 1:6-19; 1 John 2:15-16; 1 Thess. 5:19; Eph. 4:30. Moreover, it is important to make a distinction between knowing (inner light of conviction by the Holy Spirit) versus showing (outer light as per apologetics) Christianity to be true.
- 2. The experience of faith-knowledge,** 1 Pet. 1:6-8; Gal. 2:20; 4:19; Rom. 8:16; Philip 1:19-25; 3:3-21; 2 Cor. 4:16-5:11; John 1:39; 1 John 1:1; Rom. 12:1-2.
- 3. The objective form of faith-knowledge,** 1 John 1:1-3, 18; 2 Cor. 3:18-4:6

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4. **The centrality of the form of faith-knowledge: the Son of God**, John 1:14-18; 1 John 1:1-3, 18; 2 Cor. 3:18-4:6; John 1:14-18; John 3:13; 1 Cor. 1:30; Col. 1:18.
5. **The mediation of faith-knowledge**, Luke 24:44-48; 1 Cor 2:10-3:4; 2 Cor. 3:18; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Gal 5:20-22
6. **The attestation to faith-knowledge.**
 - a. **God the Father**, John 5:37; 8:47
 - b. **The Word of God**, John 5:39.
 - c. **The works of Christ**, John 10:25
 - d. **The Holy Spirit**, John 16:7-15.

The dimensions of biblical faith-knowledge illustrated.

1. **Mary, Luke 1:32-33, 1:43-55.**
2. **Joseph, Matt. 1:20-21.**
3. **The shepherds, Luke 2:8-20.**
4. **Simeon, Lk 2:29-30.**
5. **Anna, Lk 2:36-38.**
6. **John and Andrew, Jn 1:37-39.**
7. **Simon Peter, Jn 1:40-42.**
8. **Philip, Jn. 1:43.**
9. **Nathanael, Jn 1:45-49.**
10. **Seeing and believing, Jn 1:50-51.**