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INTRODUCTION

1. TGB: Life in God by 2nd person proper knowledge and proper love: Matt. 22:37-40; 1 Jn 4:19; Rom. 11:33; John 1:1-4, 4-18; Col. 1:15-18; 2:2-3; John 10:9-10; Psa. 23; 1 Cor 2:9; 13:13; Eph. 3:14-21; 1 Peter 1:3-8; Gal. 2:20; 1 John 4:8-10; Psa. 73:24.
2. TGB: Chronological reading through the NT: 1 Thess 1 - 1 Cor. 16.
3. TGB: Philosophy of hermeneutics (14). The nature and location of meaning.
4. TGB: Scientific knowledge: Overview of the 3 degrees of knowledge and the dangers of contemporary science.

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

1. Naturalistic philosophical knowledge of God—ananoetic knowledge based on creation, Rom. 1:20; Psa 19:1-2.
2. Faith-knowledge of God: supernatural knowledge mediated by concepts, 1 Thess. 1:5.
3. Experiential knowledge of God : direct affective connection to God through faith-knowledge (Psa. 34:8; 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 Cor. 6:19).
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.**