

Our Greatest Privilege

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Of all the people you have met, whom do you feel most privileged to know? Is it an athlete or accomplished performer? Perhaps it is an admired coworker, precious grandparent, or godly friend. As special as such people might be, our supreme privilege is to know God.

A personal relationship with the Sovereign Lord of the universe is an unparalleled opportunity and eternal treasure. Nothing else in human existence—no experience, friendship, or knowledge—can bring you lasting peace, joy, fulfillment, or security. Nothing else can offer eternal life.

The apostle Paul recognized that even the most highly esteemed achievements pale in comparison to the **"surpassing value of knowing Christ." (Philippians 3:7-8)**. His consuming desire was to know the God who had transformed his very being. In contrast, many people go through life without ever knowing Him. They reach the end of their days as unbelievers, having failed to discover the purpose for which they were created and missing the blessings God had in store. This is a great tragedy!

Why do people fail to know their Creator? To begin with, many individuals live in darkness, unaware that there is one true God whom the Lord Jesus Christ came to reveal. Perhaps they were never exposed to the preaching of the Gospel—a problem that is more prevalent in non-Christian societies, but which, unfortunately, is common even inside the walls of many churches.

Another reason is lack of interest in God. With cell phones, radios, televisions, and computers, we are overwhelmed with information, but no wiser than we were without them. Convinced that access to information equals knowledge, we often replace true wisdom with trivia. Even if diplomas cover your walls, unless you know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you are ignorant about the most important thing in life—**you cannot know God without knowing Christ. (John 14:7)**

Finally, knowing God includes a cost, and some people are simply unwilling to pay the price. Too often, once people get saved, they become satisfied—they are not interested in investing time in Scripture and prayer to know the Father more deeply. For any relationship to grow, we must spend time communicating, listening, and making an effort to understand more about the other person.

Do you really want to know God? The way to do that is by knowing Christ: receive Him as your Savior, who paid your sin-debt in full. Then accept His invitation to spend time in private conversation—He wants your undivided attention for a little while.