

eternal that we know God, that we know Christ and that we keep on gaining in knowledge. It is GINOSKO that is used here incidentally that is used, though I don't think one should stress that because as I say the distinction is largely lost by this time. but that we should not be merely satisfied with what we know of God but keep on ~~yr~~ learning to know God better, learning to know Jesus Christ better. "This is life eternal that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." This is a vital statement in this great prayer that Jesus made.

Paul made a similar prayer for God's people. We find this in Eph. 1:17-20:(reading text . . .) the eyes of your understanding being enlightened that ye may know (and here you would think that this is that ye may come to know, but here it is OIDA, that ye may know, that ye may come to know and that ye may have the knowledge as a continuing permanent important thing. That ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." That's a thought I don't think we think of a great deal/ I cannot really take the time to go into it now, it would take a whole period, but it is a very important thing. "What is the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." We want to know God and what wonderful things He has done and how marvelous He is, but God has a great purpose in all that he does, so great that Paul can speak of the "glory of His inheritance." "in the saints." "And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe according to the working of His mighty power which He wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and set him at His own right hand in the heavenly places." His prayer that His people, that those people whom Paul had brought to the Lord would come into the spirit of wisdom and revelation and through the study of the Word to have a knowledge of these great things.

Now Paul desired this for others. Does that mean that Paul already had it? That Paul already had the full understanding of these things? Well in Phil. 3:10-12 he gives a statement of not what he is praying for others, but of what he seeks for himself. He tells us of his great ambition -- Phil. 3:10-12. He says that it is his great ambition, "that I might know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering" "I follow after if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended by Christ Jesus" "I count not myself to have apprehended." Certainly if anyone had accepted the