

Can We Know God?

Part 1

God is Love

God Reveals Himself in Creation

Rom 1:19-20 ESV For **what can be known about God is plain** to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, **in the things that have been made.**

God Reveals Himself Through Jesus

Joh 14:8-9 ESV Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? **Whoever has seen me has seen the Father**. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

God Reveals Himself Through Scripture

Luk 24:27 ESV And beginning with **Moses** and all the **Prophets**, he interpreted to them in **all the Scriptures** the things concerning himself.

God IS Love (not God Loves, but God IS LOVE)

1 Jn 4:7-21 Beloved, let us love one another, for **love is from God**, and whoever loves has been **born of God** and **knows God**. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**.

9 In this the **love of God was made manifest** among us, that **God sent his only Son** into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, **not that we have loved God but that he loved us** and sent his Son to be the **propitiation** for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, **we also ought to love one another.**

12 **No one has ever seen God**; if we love one another, **God abides in us and his love is perfected in us**. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 **Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.**

16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and **whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.** 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have **confidence for the day of judgment**, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, **but perfect love casts out fear.** For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

19 We love because he first loved us. 20 **If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar;** for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.