**What is Knowing God  
in 1 John**

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*1) We have a personal experience*

* We know that we have come to know him 2:3
* You know him who is from the beginning 2:14
* God abides in him, and he in God 4:15, 16

*2) We are born again*

* He has been born of God 3:9
* Whoever loves has been born of God and knows God 4:7
* Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God 5:1

*3) We enter into communion with God*

* Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son 1:3
* We have fellowship with one another 1:7
* The Son … has given us understanding, so that we may know him 5:20

*4) We have assurance before God*

* We have confidence before God 3:21
* We may have confidence for the day of judgment 4:17
* This is the confidence that we have toward him, that … he hears us. 5:14

*5) The Holy Spirit dwells with us*

* By this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us 3:24
* He has given us of his Spirit. 4:13
* The Spirit is the one who testifies 5:6

*6) We overcome our personal evil*

* You are from God and have overcome them 4:4
* He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world 4:4
* He who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him 5:18

*7) We take pleasure in obeying God*

* Whoever loves has been born of God and knows God 4:7
* God abides in us and his love is perfected in us 4:12
* His commandments are not burdensome 5:3