

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