LIFE'S MAJOR PURSUIT

Deepening Your Christian Life - Part 3

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**Isaiah 6:1-8 – Scripture Reading**

**Philippians 3:10 (KJV) – Memory Verse**
That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

There has never been a time in our world’s history when more people are in hot pursuit of more things, more objects, more success. Yet, even when those goals are realized, there is still an ache of heart, an empty void. Why? Because the acquisition of more stuff was never meant to be our life’s major pursuit. These earth-bound pursuits cannot satisfy. Then what can? What, specifically, is life’s most significant and satisfying pursuit?

**KNOWING GOD: LIFE'S MAJOR PURSUIT**

1. The Problem: **Self Oriented Pursuits – Me-ism**

**Jeremiah 9:1-3 (NLT2)**
If only my head were a pool of water and my eyes a fountain of tears, I would weep day and night for all my people who have been slaughtered. Oh, that I could go away and forget my people and live in a travelers’ shack in the desert. For they are all adulterers— a pack of treacherous liars.  “My people bend their tongues like bows to shoot out lies. They refuse to stand up for the truth. They only go from bad to worse. **They do not know me,” says the LORD.**

2. The Solution: **Pursue An Understanding Of God**

* Knowing God **Gives Us A Desire To Be Like Him**

**1 Peter 1:14-16 (NIV)**
As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

* Knowing God **Reveals The Truth About Ourselves**

**Isaiah 6:7 (NIV)**
With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

* Knowing God **Makes Us Stronger and More Secure**

**Daniel 11:32 (NLT2)**
He will flatter and win over those who have violated the covenant. But the people who know their God will be strong and will resist him.

* Knowing God **Introduces Us To Eternity**

**John 17:3 (NIV)**
Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

In our humanity, we can't fully know God. The doctrine of the Trinity is beyond all of our frame of references. Others like His Glory, His Sovereignty and His Majesty can be difficult to explain. However, when we seek to know Him there are three truths we can integrate into our lives.

* **We Please God When We Walk By Faith**
* **We Glorify God When We Worship Him In Truth**
* **God Becomes Our Father When We Believe In His Son**