

# KNOWING GOD MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

A STUDY OF THE ATTRIBUTES  
OF GOD

## CLASS GOALS

Take your relationship with God to a whole new level.

Commit to helping others better know God.

Establish relationships with others in class (that gain a life outside of class) that promote knowing God.

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## CLASS WORKBOOK

**Self-contained:** All the key **summary** statements are supplied.

**Incomplete:** Teaching sessions will add vital insights to key statements.

**Discipleship Tool:** As you are growing in your knowledge of God, this workbook may be used as a discipleship tool.

Does not include "God Stories:" We will collect these each week. Ver. 2.0 coming!

## GOD STORIES?

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near (Hebrews 10:23–25).*

**Encourage one another with stories about how God has shown Himself faithful.**

# YOU HAVE THE REMOTE!

IF I NEED TO SLOW DOWN OR SOMETHING IS UNCLEAR, ASK A QUESTION!

## CLASS WORKBOOK

We will have 12 teaching sessions together.

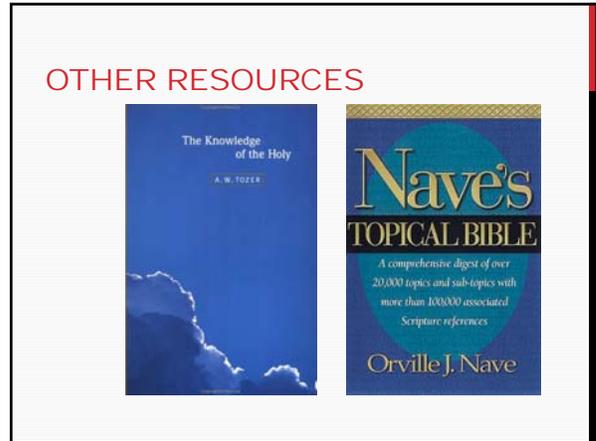
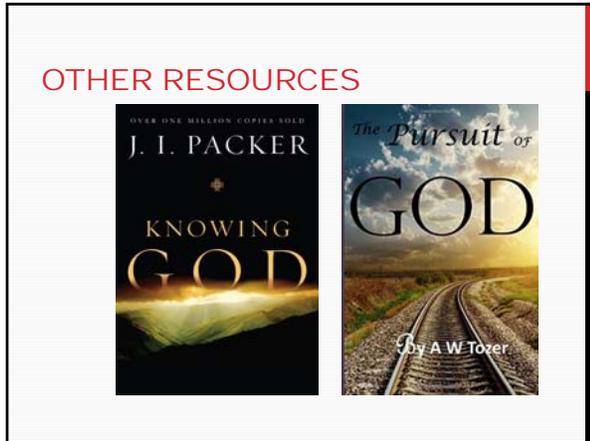
We will not finish! But we will make a good beginning.

Three main sections

Introduction – about knowing God

Individual Attributes – 7 + 6

Attributes in Concert – work together

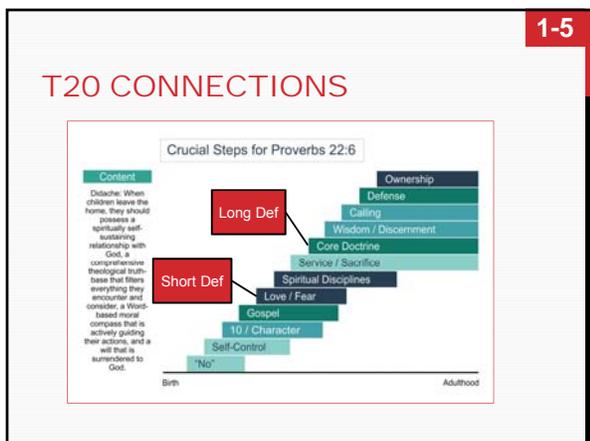


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### OUTLINE KEY

**Individual Attributes**

- Short Definition = T20, blocks 4 & 6**
- Long Definition = T20, block 8**
- Key Verses – Pick one**
- Other Stuff –varies**
- Implications = “So what?”**



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### MY STORY

- 1975 – Took “God, Christ, Holy Spirit” at Biola University.**
- 1977-78 – Led a homegroup in a study of knowing God.**
- 1980? – Taught “God, Christ, Holy Spirit” at Biola.**
- Present – still striving to know God more!**

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### THE GROWTH CHAIN

← **We are transformed by the truth – Sanctify them in the truth (John 17:17).**

**“Sanctify” is ἀγιάζω which means “to make holy,” an entirely new way of living.**

**Means = “in the truth.”**  
**Changed thinking leads to changed living.**

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### THE GROWTH CHAIN

← **“Sanctify” is an aorist imperative which appeals for the completed product.**

**But a process is involved:**  
*Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thess. 5:23).*

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### THE GROWTH CHAIN

← **The next phrase in Jesus’ prayer ID’s the source of this transforming truth – Sanctify them in the truth. Your word is truth (John 17:17).**

**It begins when God speaks to men and through men.**

**This has profound but limited value.**

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### THE GROWTH CHAIN

← **Some of the men to whom and through whom God spoke recorded what God said.**

**All of these “original autographs” have long since disappeared.**

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### THE GROWTH CHAIN

← **But other men made copies of these originals and copies of these copies.**

← **Some of these copies of copies have survived and can be viewed today.**

**Some are being digitized – go to [csntm.org](http://csntm.org) for pictures.**

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### COPIES ON DISPLAY

This is p52 - 2<sup>nd</sup> century papyrus from Gospels

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### THE GROWTH CHAIN

These copies were assembled into collections. The process did not confer authority but recognized authority. Early variations can be attributed to limits of distribution.

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### THE GROWTH CHAIN

There are some slight variations among manuscript readings in a few places. But the original text has been retained.

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### THE GROWTH CHAIN

In places where there are different readings among manuscripts, the original text can be discerned. The process of discerning the text involves examining two kinds of evidence:

- External Evidence
- Internal Evidence

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### FIND THE BOOBOO

<p>BETTER MSS</p> <p><i>“ . . . that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me”</i> (John 17:21).</p>	<p>ATTRACTION?</p> <p><i>“ . . . that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me”</i> (John 17:21).</p>
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### THE GROWTH CHAIN

At this stage, you and I can actually engage in the process first hand! Our objective is to understand the intended message of the author to his original audience. Involves study of grammar Involves study of history

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### THE GROWTH CHAIN

Once we understand the intended message of the author to his original audience, we can ask a question. “In light of what he said to them, how should I then live?”

