

## THE FOUNDATION FOR FAITH IN HIS WORD

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The foundation for faith in God's written Word is faith in Him as a person, faith in His nature, His unchangeable character, His very self. I must know from my heart that I can trust Him and rely on Him and be safe.

Psalm 9:10 – They that *know your name* will put their trust in you, for you Lord have not forsaken them that seek you.

Psalm 91:14 – Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him securely on high, because he has *known My name*

Proverbs 18:10 – The *name of the Lord* is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 – Thus says the Lord: let not the wise and skillful person glory and boast in his wisdom and skill; let not the mighty and powerful person glory and boast in his strength and power; let not the person who is rich glory and boast in riches; but let him who glories glory in this: that he understands and knows Me [personally and practically, directly discerning and recognizing My character], that I am the Lord, Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth, *for in these things I delight*, says the Lord.

Psalm 147:10-11 – He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He does not take pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord favors those who fear Him, those who wait for His loving-kindness.

The Lord delights in me knowing and understanding Him, that He is a God of mercy. I know this from the Word and believe and act accordingly.

In knowing His name, you know His character and nature and that He is a God whom it is safe to trust to the utmost. You can know and be fully assured of His present help on every occasion.

Jesus is God's revelation of Himself. Every moment of His life was a revelation of God.

John 17:6 – Jesus manifest the name of God (and – revealed His very self) to men.

John 17:26 – I have *made your Name known* to them and revealed your character and your very self and will continue to make you know...that the love which you have bestowed upon me may be in them (felt in their hearts) and that I myself may be in them.

Ephesians 3:17-19 – the same prayer. May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love, that you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp...the experience of that love, what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]; that you may really come to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

Distrusting His goodness and mercy blocks us from receiving from God. Faith in His mercy and goodness is what pleases God and enables us to receive from Him.

My goal: that I may know Him (that I may progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him (perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly and perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His person more strongly and more clearly. This is what I press on to lay hold of, (grasp) and make my own. This is the goal that is worth my earnest diligence and my every effort to attain.

John 17:3 - This *is* eternal life, to know (perceive, recognize, become acquainted with and understand) you, the only true and real God and to know Him, Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.