

How we can really know God

John 14:7-11

- I. We understand God the Father by understanding Jesus (John 14:7-9).
 - A. We can't *know* God if we don't *know* Jesus (7a).
 - The disciples didn't really understand God yet because they didn't fully understand Jesus.
 - B. We can grow in our knowledge of God (7b).
 - Jesus assured the disciples they would understand God much more fully.
 - C. We know God by what Jesus did (8-9).
 - Jesus explains to confused Philip he had actually seen God's character by seeing Jesus.

- II. Jesus revealed God by his words and his works (John 14:10-11).
 - A. The words of Jesus are the words of God (10).
 - Philip should believe Jesus was truly God because of what Jesus said (10).
 - Words of truth and grace – Jesus revealed God is just, but longs to show grace (John 8:11, etc.).

 - B. The works of Jesus are the works of God (11).
 - The disciples should believe Jesus was truly God because of his miracles (11).
 - Works of power and compassion – The miracles showed God cares and is able to solve suffering.