

## Knowing God

Acts 3:11-26

*Acts: The Real Church*

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**Peter's sermon had one main point: the Jews should have recognized their Messiah but they didn't.** Listen to what Peter preached.

1. Knowing God entails listening to the **message** and not focusing on the **messenger** (v.11-12).
2. Knowing God requires that you **face the fact** of your guilt (v.13-16).
  - a. You **vainly worshipped** a God that you do not know.
  - b. They delivered and **denounced** Jesus before Pilate.
  - c. They **disowned** the innocent (holy and righteous) one and **desired** a murderer.
  - d. They **killed** the author, originator and the one that leads to life.
3. Knowing God commands **repentance** which yields wonderful results (v.17-22).
  - a. God gives space to repent because of our **ignorance** (v.17).
  - b. God works his will in spite of **our sin** (v.18).
  - c. First result – your sins will be **blotted** out (v.19).
  - d. Second result – times or **relief** (refreshing) will come (v.19).
  - e. Third result – Jesus **will come** to you (v.20-21).
4. Knowing God is possible when you take his word **seriously** (v.22-24).
  - a. They had had **ample** warning.
  - b. The warning declared **severe judgment** for not receiving the prophet.
5. Knowing God is a **privilege**, a blessing based on receiving and **not rejecting** Jesus (25-26).
  - a. To have some **prophets** in your life is a tremendous blessing. (v.25).
  - b. To have Jesus in your life is a **life changing** blessing (v.26)!

What is this about knowing God?