CAN YOU KNOW GOD?

(The Existence and Revelation of God)

I. CAN YOU KNOW GOD? ____ and ____!

A. God is KNOWABLE.

- 1. The Bible begins by assuming the ______ of God. (Genesis 1:1)
 - * What false teachings does this verse destroy?
- 2. The Bible declares that the _____ has said in his heart, "*There is _____ God*." (Psalm 14:1)
 - * Why is this the case?
 - * Are there any true atheists?

* Why do people then profess atheism?

B. God is INCOMPREHENSIBLE.

A full knowledge of what God knows is ______. (Psalm 139:6; Job 11:7)
A full knowledge of God's judgments and ways are ______. (Romans 11:33-36))
A full knowledge of God's greatness is ______. (Psalm 145:1-3)
 * Deuteronomy 29:29
II. HOW CAN GOD BE KNOWN? By _____!

A. God's GENERAL Revelation of Himself to Man.

- 1. God's existence is evidenced in man's ______. (Romans 1:19; 2:14-15)
 - * Do children readily believe in God?
 - * How is the existence of God demonstrated in man's constitution?
- 2. God's existence is evidenced in God's ______. (Romans 1:20; Acts 14:17, 17:29; Matthew 5:45; Psalm 19:1-6)
 - * God's creation demonstrates what various attributes of God?

* Does anyone have an excuse in not knowing the truth of God's existence?

B. God's SPECIFIC Revelation of Himself to Man. (Hebrews 1:1)

Special revelation occurred in the past when God revealed Himself through...

- 1. Theophanies (Genesis 16:7-14; Exodus 3:2)
- 2. Audible speech (Genesis 4:6; 6:3)
- 3. Visible miracles (Micah 6:5; Ezekiel 25:7)
- 4. Angelic messengers (Daniel 9:20-21; Luke 2:10-11)
- 5. Casting lots (Proverbs 16:33; Acts 1:21-26)
- 6. Urim and Thummim (Exodus 28:30; Numbers 27:21)
- 7. Dreams (Genesis 20:3, 6; 31:11-13)
- 8. Visions (Isaiah 1:1; 6:1; Ezekiel 1:3)

* Who is Jesus Christ?

- - * What can knowing and believing the Scriptures do for you? (Psalm 19:7-11)

C. Man's INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE to God.

- 1. The basic problem of man regarding the truth of God is not ignorance, but the willful _______ of truth and the _______ of it with the ______. (Romans 1:18-32; 2 Peter 3:1-9)
- 2. The biblical principle to remember is this: "But without _____ it is _____ to _____ to God must believe that He ______, and that He is a ______ of those who diligently ______ Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

* How does all this apply to you?