

FROM ETERNITY TO KNOWABILITY TO INTIMACY

1 John 1:1–4

While it's relatively easy to *get* married, it's harder to have a *good* marriage. Repeating a vow is one thing, being faithful to the *content* of that vow is another. And what makes the difference between the two is effort, humility, and self-denial. And while many won't invest what's necessary for growth, those that *do* know that it's worth it because the sacrifice leads to reward and enjoyment. It's the same with the Christian life. Relatively speaking, it's simple to *become* a Christian (by believing in the person and work of Jesus Christ) but harder to be a disciple, to be one who takes up their cross daily and follows Jesus, killing sin and loving holiness. The latter takes effort, humility, and self-denial. But, as any seasoned saint will tell you and, more importantly, the Scriptures tell us, it's worth it because the sacrifice leads to reward and enjoyment. As believers lean into the knowability of Christ—who he is, what he's done, and what he's doing—we experience intimacy with Christ and his people. And this supernatural fellowship is well-worth the effort.

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vv. 1–3

John 1:1, 14; 14:7–9; Acts 4:18–20

Col 1:16; Heb 1:1–3

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vv. 3–4

Rom 15:26; Heb 13:16

Enjoy intimacy!