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Colossians 2

13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross

**We add knowledge so that
we know the truth because by the truth
we are victorious**

John 8

**31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said,
“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my
disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the
truth will set you free.”**

2 Thessalonians 2

9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, 10 and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12 and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

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1 Corinthians 13

12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I **know (gnosis)** in part; then I shall **know (epignosis)** fully, even as I am fully known.

Knowledge

1. Gnosis – general knowledge

- to know things by learning about them
- knowledge we gain for ourselves (study)
- head knowledge

2. Epignosis – complete, full, experiential knowledge

- to know things because we have experienced them
- knowledge that is given to us (revelation)
- Knowledge that is confirmed because we have believed it and acted upon it

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Philippians 4

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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