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English: "Knowledge"

We need not show the uses in the KJ, as this word is translated "Knowledge" with only one exception, 1Tim.6:20. We will consider the KJ translation of 1Tim.6:20 later. See also the "control word" ἐπίγνωσις (epignōsis), "thorough-knowledge". (Marked •, when occurring in this study.) The first use in the NT concerns the purpose of John the Baptist's coming: "to-give Knowledge-of-salvation"

← to God's people, the Israelis. This "Knowledge" is "Bible Knowledge"; giving proof of who Jesus was. (Matt. 3:3 etc.)

LUKE 1 CT

76 But you, pre-teen-child, will-be-called a prophet of-the-Most-High; for you-will-proceed-before, before the person of-Jehovah to-prepare his ways;
77 To-give knowledge of-salvation to his people with forgiveness of-their sins,

LUKE 11 CT

52 Woe to-YOU the lawyers, because YOU-removed the key of-the knowledge; YOU yourselves went not in, and the-ones going-in YOU-hindered.

☞ This is the only other use in the gospels. This is again referring to "Bible Knowledge". (See Alford)

← Next consider a passage to Jewish Christians. It was the Jewish father who was responsible for "Knowledge of scripture", 1 Peter 3:7

Alford's Greek Testament

52.] ἦρ. τὴν κλ. τῆς γν. = κλείετε τὴν βασ. τ. οὐ. ἔμπροσθεν τ. ἀνθ. Matt. ver. 14, which words are the best explanation of our text:—the key of knowledge (i. e. not of, as admitting to, knowledge—but the key is the knowledge), being that right understanding of the Law and Prophets, which should show Him to the people, of whom they testified; this the expounders of Scripture had taken away, neither themselves entering, nor permitting those to enter who were otherwise doing so,—and thus shutting the kingdom of heaven in men's faces.

I PETER 3 CT

6 As Sara obeyed the Abraham, calling him lord; of-whom YOU-became children doing-good and not fearing not-one terror.
7 The husbands likewise, dwelling-together according-to knowledge as with-a-weaker vessel the one of-a-woman, bestowing honor as also to-heirs-together, of-favor of-life, with-reference-to YOUR prayers not to-be-impeded.

ROMANS 2 CT

20 A disciplinarian of-foolish ones, a teacher of-infants, having the formation-of-the knowledge and of-the truth in the law:

ROMANS 11 CT

33 O depth of-God's riches and wisdom and knowledge; as unsearchable his sentences and untraceable his ways.
34 For who came-to-know the mind of Jehovah? Or who became his fellow-counsellor?

☞ All the 3 uses of the word in Romans refer to "Bible Knowledge". Remember these references to "Bible Knowledge" mean the OT, the NT did not yet exist.

The depth "of-God's riches and wisdom and knowledge" are only learned from the study of scripture. (Rom. 11:33

ROMANS 15 CT

14 But I-have-been-and-still-am-persuaded, my brothers, even I myself concerning YOU, that even YOU yourselves are replete of-goodness, having-been-and-still-filled-of-all-of-the knowledge, being-able also to-be-admonishing one-another.

Remember the article "the" acts as a pointer ☞; in these passages pointing to "the Knowledge" given in the OT.

γνώσις - p.2 II PETER 1 CT

5 But also for this very *thing* having-brought-in-alongside all diligence, YOU-supply-additional in YOUR trust the virtue, but in the virtue the knowledge,

6 But in the knowledge the self-control; but in the self-control the perseverance; but in the perseverance the piety;

7 But in the piety the brotherly-love; but in the brotherly-love the charity.

8 For these *things* existing and abounding in-YOU [is] are-establishing you not idle nor without-fruit with-reference-to the thorough-knowledge of our Lord Jesus Messiah;

II PETER 3 CT

14 On-this-account, cherished *ones*, anticipating these-things YOU-be-diligent to-be-found by-him in peace ones-without-spot and without-blemish,

15 And YOU-be-considering the patience of our Lord: salvation, according-as also our cherished brother Paul wrote to-YOU according-to the wisdom having-been-given to-him,

16 As also in all epistles speaking in them concerning these-things, in which epistles [is] are some-things difficult-to-understand, which the unlearned and unsteady are-distorting as also the other scriptures toward their own destruction.

17 YOU therefore, cherished *ones*, coming-to-know-before YOU-be-guarding-yourselves in-order-that having-been-led-away-together by-the going-astray of-the unruly YOU-might not fall-away from your own firm-fixedness,

18 But YOU-be-growing in favor and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Messiah. To-him the glory also now and with-reference-to a day of-an-age.

EPHESIANS 3 CT

18 In-order-that YOU-might-be-quite-able to-apprehend with all the holy-ones what the breadth and length and height and depth,

19 And-additionally to-know the charity of-the Messiah surpassing [the] knowledge, in-order-that YOU-might-be-filled with-reference-to all the fulness of-the God.

PHILIPPIANS 3 CT

8 BUT yea-therefore I-am also considering all *things* to-be a disadvantage on-account-of the holding-above of-the knowledge of-Messiah Jesus my Lord, on-account-of whom I-was-disadvantaged by all the *things*, and-I-am-considering *them* refuse[s] in-order-that I-might-gain Messiah,

COLOSSIANS 2 CT

2 In-order-that their hearts might-be-comforted, having-been-brought-to-agreement in charity and with-reference-to all riches of-the certainty of-the intelligence, with-reference-to thorough-knowledge of-the mystery of-the God of-Messiah.

3 In whom all the stores of-the wisdom and knowledge are hidden-back.

4 This I-am-saying in-order-that no-one might-be-cheating YOU in-reckoning with persuasive-speech.

➡ I believe "the knowledge" is that knowledge gained from scripture which alone will lead to "the thorough-knowledge" of the Lord Jesus. (vs 8)

➡ Peter in his last use of the word "knowledge" gives a warning that indicates it must be a "Biblical Knowledge."

1. He refers to Paul having written. 2. All epistles are having difficult things. 3. The unlearned and unsteady are distorting these things, as also the other scriptures. (OT) 4. Peter warns about the danger of falling away from "firm-fixedness". 5. To offset this a person must be growing in favor and "knowledge". Only "Biblical Knowledge" will teach concerning Jesus Messiah.

➡ The "charity" of-the Messiah for the believers surpasses "the knowledge". Because of the article, I believe this also to refer to "Biblical Knowledge"; which seems to be confirmed by Phil. 3:8. The true "Knowledge" of the Messiah; that is, his plan and purpose for the world is contained in the Bible.

➡ Note "thorough-knowledge". All the stores "of-the wisdom and (the) knowledge" are in the Messiah, "Biblical Knowledge".

I CORINTHIANS 13 CT

2 And if I-might-be-having prophecy and I-might-know-absolutely all the mysteries and all the knowledge, and if I-might-be-having all the trust so-as to-be-shifting mountains, but I-might not be-having charity, I-am nothing.

II CORINTHIANS 2 CT

14 But favor to-the God to-the one always triumphing us in the Messiah and manifesting the smell of-the knowledge of-him through us in every place;

15 Because we-are a fragrance of-Messiah to-the God among the ones being-saved and among the ones perishing.

II CORINTHIANS 4 CT

6 Because the God *namely-the one* having said: Out-of darkness light will-shine, who shined in our hearts toward enlightenment of-the knowledge of-the glory of-the God in the person of-Messiah.

II CORINTHIANS 10 CT

5 Lowering figurings and every high-thing elevating-itself against the knowledge of-the God, and leading-captive every thought with-reference-to the obedience of-the Messiah,

II CORINTHIANS 11 CT

6 If on-the-other-hand I-am also a layman in-the word, BUT not in-the knowledge, BUT in every thing having-been-manifested in all-things with-reference-to YOU.

I CORINTHIANS 8 CT

6 BUT to-us one God the Father, out-of whom *are* the all-things and we with-reference-to him, and one Jehovah Jesus Messiah, through whom *are* the all-things and we through him.

7 BUT the knowledge is not in all; but some in-the custom-together of-the idol till just-now they-are-eating as an idolatrous-sacrifice, and their conscience being weak is-being-soiled.

8 But food will not stand us alongside with-the God; for neither if we-might-eat are-we-having-an-advantage; nor if we-might not eat are-we-lacking-for-ourselves.

9 But YOU-be-looking lest-perchance this authority of-YOU might-become stumbling to-the weak ones.

10 For if someone might-see you, the one having knowledge, lying-down in an-idol's-temple, will NOT the conscience of-him, of-one-being weak, be-built-up to-be-eating with-reference-to the idolatrous-sacrifices?

11 For the one being-weak is-perishing in thy knowledge, the brother because-of whom Messiah died-off.

I CORINTHIANS 8 CT

1 But concerning the idolatrous-sacrifices, we-are-knowing-absolutely that we all are-having knowledge. The knowledge is-inflating, but the charity is-building-up.

Paul certainly refers to all "Biblical Knowledge". In 2 Cor. 2:14 "the Knowledge" of the Messiah can hardly be other than what we know from scripture. This certainly also is true of "the Knowledge" of-the glory of-the God. (2 Cor. 4:6) "The Knowledge" of-the God which we have must be from scripture. (2 Cor. 10:5)

In 2 Cor. 11:6 Paul had revealed "Knowledge" as well as "the Knowledge" of the O.T. (See Eph. 3:1-13) Thus the N.T. also becomes part of "the Knowledge" which we have available.

By having all passages together I believe we can study this word "Knowledge" and come to an interesting conclusion.*

It seems that "the Knowledge" refers, with the article "the", to a specific part of the "Biblical Knowledge". Here in 1 Cor. 8:7 "the Knowledge" is that "Biblical Knowledge" regarding idols. Some have "Bible Knowledge"; (vs. 10, 11), on this subject. Then 1 Cor. 8:1; all believers have "Bible Knowledge", at least in part, but "the (Bible) Knowledge", on the subject of idols, can inflate the person's ego to a point, where "the charity" towards the weaker brother is overlooked. (1 Cor. 8:10)

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I CORINTHIANS 1 CT *

4 I-am-giving-thanks to-the God always concerning YOU upon the favor of-the God namely-the favor having-been-given to-YOU in Messiah Jesus,

5 Because in every-thing YOU-were-made-rich in him, in every word and all knowledge,

6 According-as the testimony of-the Messiah was-made-firm in YOU.

II CORINTHIANS 6 CT *

5 In guard-houses, in instabilities, in labors, in sleeplessnesses, in fasts,

6 In purenesses, in knowledge, in patience, in graciousness, in the Holy Spirit, in charity without-hypocrisy,

7 In the word of-truth, in the power of-God; through the weapons of-the righteousness of-the right-parts and left-parts

II CORINTHIANS 8 CT *

7 BUT according-as in every-thing YOU-are-exceeding, in-trust and in-word and in-knowledge and in-all diligence and in-the charity out-of us in YOU, in-order-that YOU-might-be-exceeding in this favor also.

I TIMOTHY 6 CT *

20 O Timothy, you-guard the deposit, being-diverted-for-yourself-from the profane empty-chatters and oppositions of-the falsely-named knowledge,

21 Which some promising around the trust missed. The favor be with you.

I CORINTHIANS 12 CT *

8 For on-the-one-hand one-to-whom is-being-given a word of-wisdom through the Spirit, on-the-other-hand to-another a word of-knowledge according-to the same Spirit,

I CORINTHIANS 13 CT

8 The charity never is-failing; but whether prophecies, they-will-be-rendered-inactive; or languages, they-will-cause-of-themselves; or knowledge, it-will-be-rendered-inactive.

I CORINTHIANS 14 CT

6 But now, brothers, if I-might-come to YOU speaking in-languages, what shall-I-profit YOU, unless I-shall-speak to-YOU either in an uncovering or in knowledge or in prophecy or in doctrine?

1. "in the law" Rom. 2:20

2. "to be able to admonish" R. 15:14

3. "for Christian living" 2 Pet. 1:5, 6

4. "of the Messiah" Eph. 3:19

5. "of the Messiah" Phil. 3:8

6. "of the mystery of-the God" Col. 2:3

➔ Following the *conclusion on page 3. These (*) three passages seem to indicate "Bible Knowledge"; note "all knowledge" (1 Cor. 1:5). Certainly not secular Knowledge.

⊛ In 1 Tim. 6:20 Timothy is warned of false teachers; "the profane empty-chatters and oppositions of-the falsely-named Knowledge". See the "twisting", "false-wordings", and "adulterating" of the word of God in Apologetics 6.

☆ We see false teachers "twisting", "(a) word of knowledge" in 1 Cor. 12:8 to mean a word that someone in the audience has some particular need; instead of imparting a word of "Knowledge", that is some truth from scripture as Paul did. (See 1 Cor. 14:6 ◀)

➔ On 1 Cor. 13:8 see Tongues course and Apologetics 17) Now to summarize the conclusion that "Knowledge" is "Bible Knowledge" and "the Knowledge" is a particular part of the whole.

The (Bible) Knowledge of or for:

7. "of all the mysteries" 1 Cor. 13:2

8. "of the Messiah" 2 Cor. 2:14

9. "of the glory of God" 2 Cor. 4:6

10. "of God" 2 Cor. 10:5

11. "of the OT." 2 Cor. 11:6

12. "of sacrifices" 1 Cor. 8:7, 11, 1

13. "for false quotes" 1 Tim. 6:20