

What do I “know”?

**Truth can only be revealed to select few, and then only by divine revelation
- Gnosticism**

**Truth cannot be known for sure –
Agnostic**

What do I “know”?

“ginosko” – to come to understand, to bring to absolute, perfect knowledge or understanding, esp. as relates to an object

“oida” – to see; perfect or complete knowledge, derived from divine revelation or from observation

Declarative Statements from 1 John (pt.3)

- **I know what true sacrificial love is - 3:16, 4:8-10**
- **I know I am of the truth if I love in deed and in truth - 3:17-19, 4:11**
- **I know I abide in Him - 3:24, 4:13-16**

Declarative Statements from 1 John (pt.3)

- **I know those who know God - 4:1, 6-8**
- **How I know if I love God's children:
If I love God and keep His
commandments - 5:1-3**
- **I know I have life - 5:12, 3:3**

Conclusion: What do I “know”?
John uses “ginosko” and “oida” a total of 33 times in the letter of I John. (2nd only to Paul in I Corinthians, 39 times in 16 chapters)

John 20:30-31, 21:24 – Do I trust those who were eyewitnesses? Am I willing to believe?

I John 5:13, 18-20 – I can know the truth...and I can know if I have a home waiting in Heaven...