

ARISE

**Arise, come to your God
Sing Him your songs of rejoicing
Cry out with joy to the Lord all the earth
Serve the Lord with Gladness
Come before Him singing for joy**

**Arise come to your God
Sing Him your songs of rejoicing.**

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send
forth your Spirit, and we shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did
instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that
by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy your consolations.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grow Through Study

Greg Staky

What is Study?

Application of the mind to the acquisition of knowledge.

Put simply ... Learning

AND ... Learning = Growing

PIETY



STUDY

Excuses for not Studying

“It's hard to know where to begin when your subject is God Himself, a subject more important than anything else we could ever study.”

Tony Evans -- “Our God is Awesome”

Excuses for not Studying

- ▶ I don't have time
- ▶ I don't know what to study
- ▶ I don't like to read books
- ▶ I don't understand parts of the Bible
- ▶ Theology confuses me

Areas of Study

- ▶ The Gospels
- ▶ His Word
- ▶ His Attributes
- ▶ His Names
- ▶ The Classic Writers
- ▶ Christian Apologetics
- ▶ Spiritual Disciplines
- ▶ The Spiritual Gifts & Your Gift(s)

Developing a Study Plan

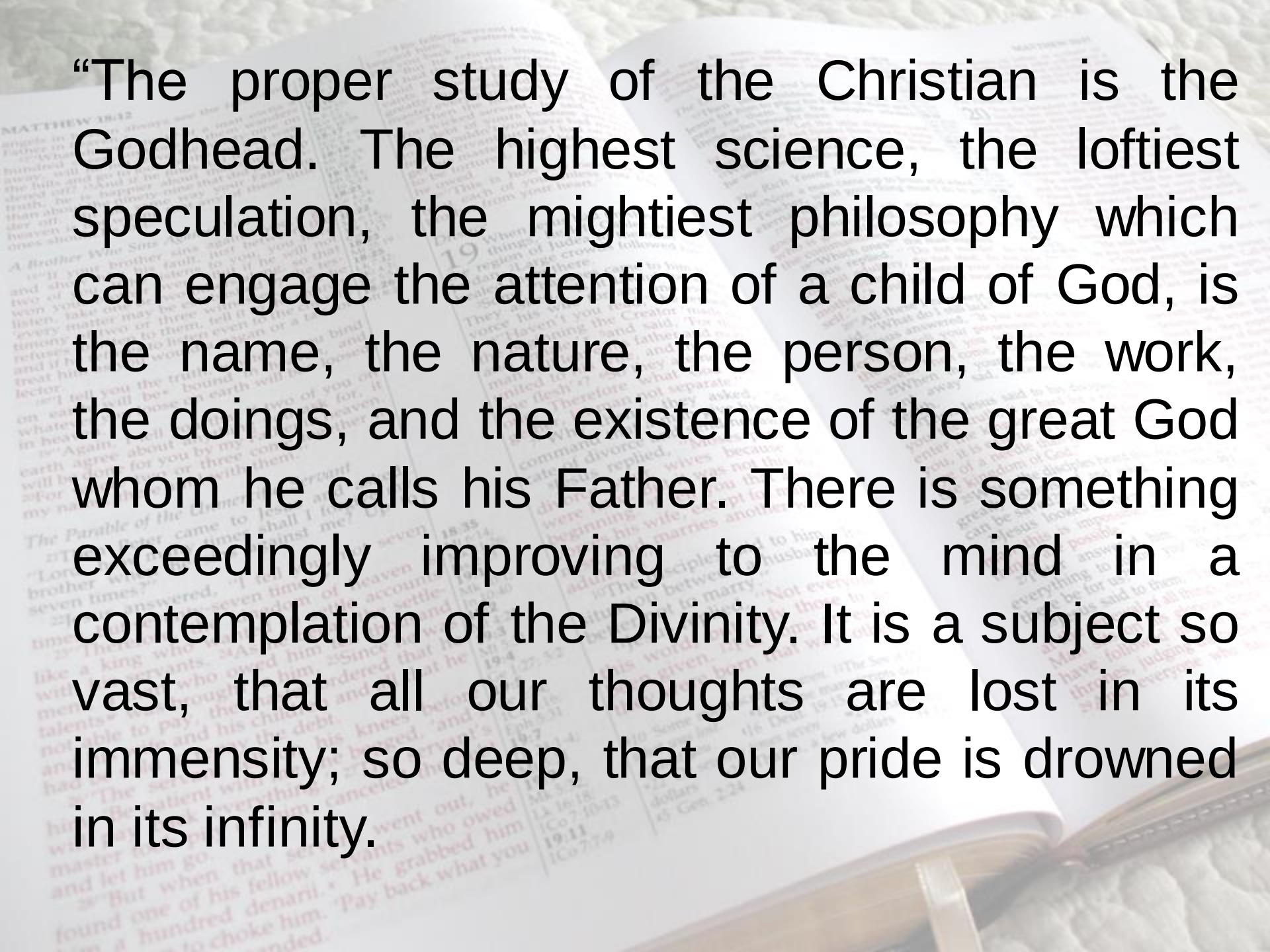
- ▶ **Decide to make study a priority**
- ▶ **Carve out a regular time for your study**
- ▶ **Find the right place**
- ▶ **Vary the object of your study**
- ▶ **Take notes**
- ▶ **Study with a group**

Some Study Tools

- ▶ Daily Devotionals
- ▶ Study Bibles
- ▶ Bible Commentaries
- ▶ Study Groups
- ▶ Podcasts
- ▶ Audio Books

“In order to be meaningful something must be big enough to warrant our commitment and our affections. The only thing that fits this qualification is God Himself, not only because of who He is, **but because knowing who He is defines who we are.**”

Tony Evans – Our God Is Awesome

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“The proper study of the Christian is the Godhead. The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy which can engage the attention of a child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings, and the existence of the great God whom he calls his Father. There is something exceedingly improving to the mind in a contemplation of the Divinity. It is a subject so vast, that all our thoughts are lost in its immensity; so deep, that our pride is drowned in its infinity.

Other subjects we can comprehend and grapple with; in them we feel a kind of self-content and go our way with a thought – “Behold I am wise.”. But when we come to this master-science, finding that our plumb-line cannot sound its depth, and that our eagle eye cannot see its height, we turn away with the thought, “I am but of yesterday, and know nothing.”

Charles H. Spurgeon – The Immutability of God

Why Study?

▶ Do you Know Him?

▶ Do you Trust Him?

His Word ...

- ▶ Is Alive - Hebrews 4:12
- ▶ Is God Breathed – 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- ▶ Is Good for Instruction - Romans 15:4
- ▶ Is a Shining Light - 2 Peter 1:19–21
- ▶ Will Not Pass Away - Matthew 24:35
- ▶ Will Not Return Empty - Isaiah 55:11
- ▶ Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4 (NIV)

Who His Is ...

The Sufficiency of God

The Holiness of God

The Sovereignty of God

The Omniscience of God

The Omnipresence of God

The Omnipotence of God

God is Love

The Wisdom of God

The Word of God

The Wrath of God

The Immutability of God

The Grace of God

The Incomprehensibility of God

God is Truth



Romans Says ...

Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

His Promises ...

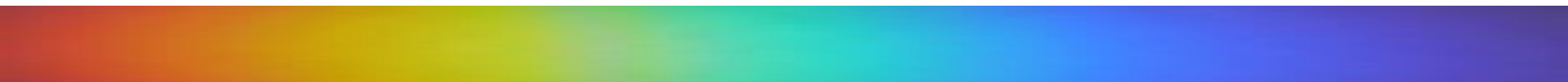
- **Deuteronomy 31:8 (ESV):** It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.
- **Isaiah 41:10 (NIV):** Fear not, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand.
- **Matthew 18:20 (RSV):** For where two or three gather in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

His Promises (cont.)

- **Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NIV):** Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. **You will seek me and find me** when you seek me with all your heart.
- **James 4:8 (NIV):** Draw near to God and **He will** draw near to you.
- **John 14:19 (ESV):** Because I live, **you also shall live.**

Do you Trust Him?

He is Trust – Worthy!



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SING ALLELUIA

Sing Alleluia to the Lord!

Sing Alleluia to the Lord!

Sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia,

Sing Alleluia to the Lord!



