

John 14:7

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Think about [John 14:7](#).

(Jesus said to his apostles) *"If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."*

- In their past, before Jesus went away, did the apostles fully know Jesus and his Father?
 - In their future, were the apostles going to know God?
 - What was going to happen that would enable believers in Jesus to know God?
Consider [Galatians 4:4-9](#). ... *God sent forth his Son, ... to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ... Formerly, ... you did not know God, ... But now ... you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God,*
 - In what manner have the apostles of Jesus seen God?
Consider [John 1:18](#). *No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father's side -- he has revealed him.*
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(2)

Think about [John 14:8-10](#).

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?"

- When Jesus told his apostles that they had already seen his Father, what did Philip request?
 - Why didn't Philip understand what Jesus meant when he told the apostles they had seen his Father?
 - How did Jesus explain to Philip how they had already seen the Father?
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Think about [John 14:10-11](#).

(Jesus said) *"Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves."*

The meaning of this word "dwells" is: to continually live in a place, to continue to abide.

- How did Jesus explain that the Father is in him?
- What do you think? If the Father is in Jesus because the Father dwells in Jesus, then how is Jesus in the Father?
Consider [John 15:4-10](#). (Jesus said) ... *"the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides (dwells) in the vine, ... just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide (dwell) in his love."*
- How can this mystery apply to us?
Consider [1John 4:12-16](#) No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides (*dwells*) in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide (*dwell*) in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.
- What two reasons did Jesus give Philip to believe that Jesus was in the Father and the Father was in Jesus? (See John 14:10-11 quoted above.)