



**PAUL'S PRAYERS**  
GOD'S PRIORITIES

Discovering the heart of God in the prayers of Paul

# LIVING A LIFE WORTHY OF THE LORD

A hand is shown in silhouette, reaching out towards a bright sun that is setting or rising over a body of water. The sun is positioned directly behind the hand, creating a lens flare effect. The water in the background is calm and reflects the light from the sun. The sky is a gradient of blue and orange.

Colossians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— <sup>5</sup> the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.

Colossians 1:3-14

<sup>7</sup> You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup> and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.



<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup> so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: ...

Colossians 1:3-14

...bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup> and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:3-14

FAITH & LOVE



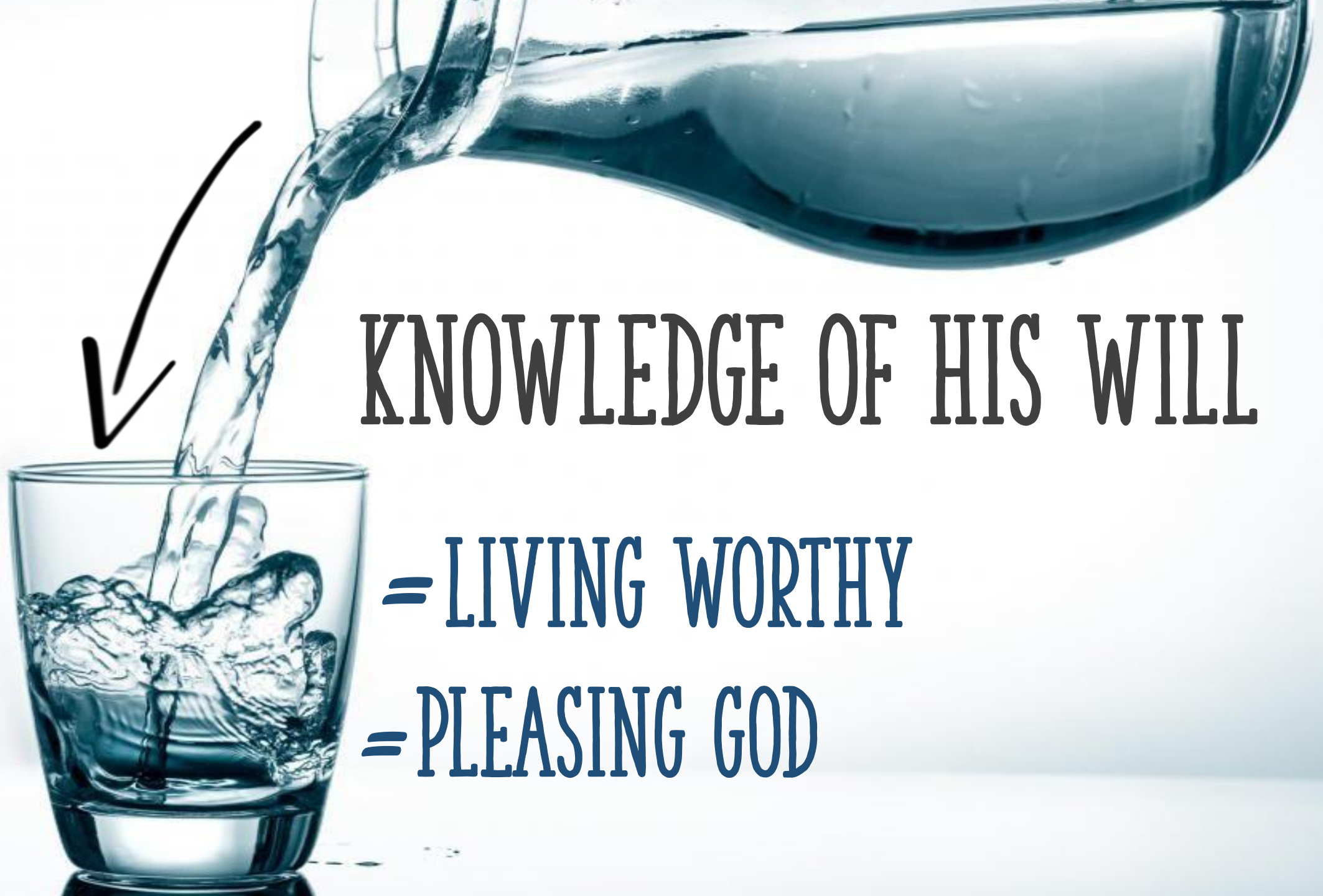
HOPE



THE GOSPEL







KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL

= LIVING WORTHY

= PLEASING GOD



BEARING FRUIT IN EVERY GOOD WORK

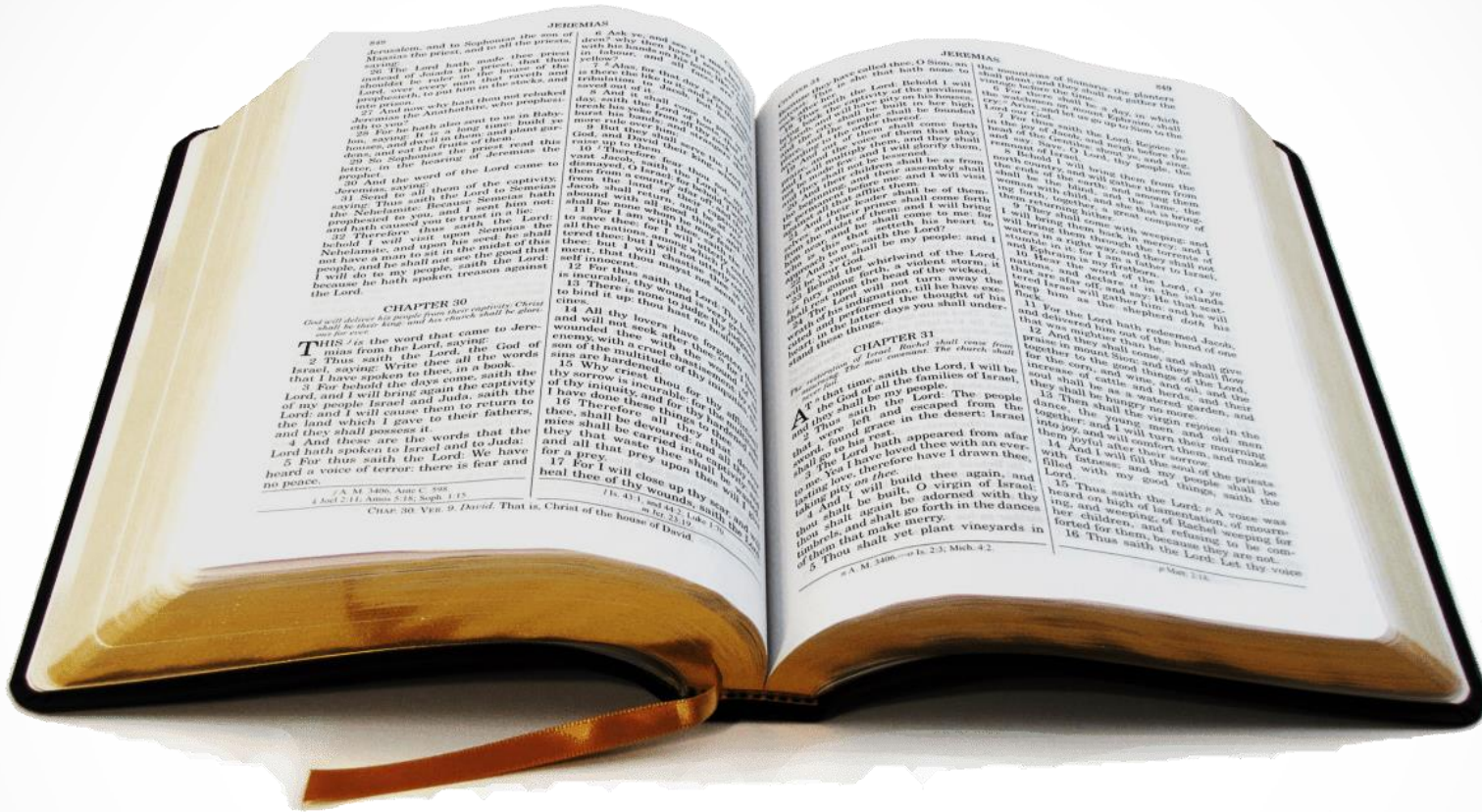
<sup>16</sup> let your light shine before others, that they may **see your good deeds** and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been **saved**, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> **not by works**, so that no one can boast.

<sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, **created** in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:8-10



GROWING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

**23** This is what the LORD says:

“Let not the wise boast of their wisdom  
or the strong boast of their strength  
or the rich boast of their riches,

**24** but let the one who boasts boast about this:  
that they have the understanding **to know me**,  
that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness,  
justice and righteousness on earth...

Jeremiah 9:23-24

<sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of **knowing Christ Jesus** my Lord...

<sup>10</sup> I want to **know Christ**...

Philippians 3:7-10



**STRENGTHENED WITH ALL POWER**



<sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

2 Peter 1:3

<sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may...his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms...

Ephesians 1:18-20



GIVING JOYFUL THANKS TO THE FATHER

<sup>18</sup> Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is **God's will for you** in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18