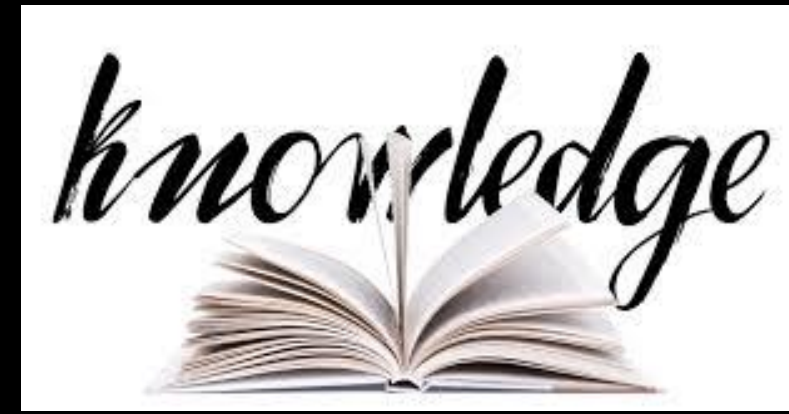


*“The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad”*

Psalm 126:3

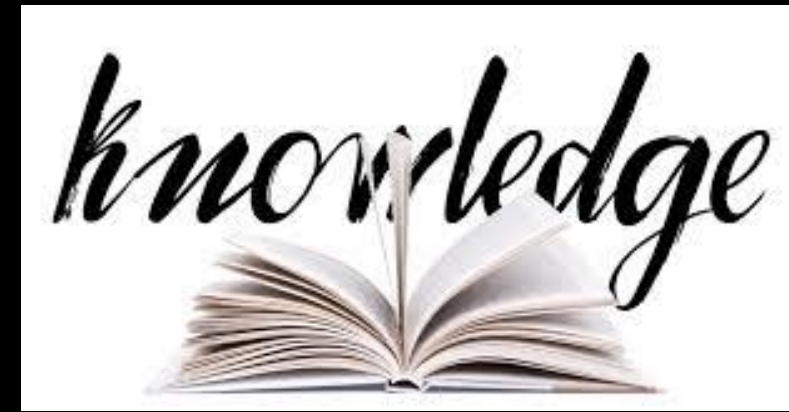
My prayer for this church (Col. 1:9-12)



That you may be filled with the knowledge of His will

- Does that describe me?
- Strong churches have strong teaching and preaching

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- If I am filled with something then it will of necessity pour forth from me
- Are we “children in understanding”? (I Cor. 14:20)
- J.B. Lightfoot: “The end of all knowledge is conduct”

My prayer for this church (Col. 1:9-12)



That you walk worthy of the Lord

- We can be worthy-and act consistent with our standing
 - ✓ Fully pleasing Him (c.f. 2 Cor. 5:9-10)
 - ✓ Fruitful in every good work (c.f. 1 Tim. 3:8)
 - ✓ Increasing in the knowledge of God

My prayer for this church (Col. 1:9-12)



That you are strengthened with His power

- That power “spoke the world into existence”
- Power in the gospel (Rom. 1:16); in the cross (I Cor. 1:18); in Christ (I Cor. 1:24); in the resurrection (Eph. 1:19)
- The results: patience and longsuffering with joy and qualified to be partakers of the inheritance! (Col. 1:11-12)