

New Hope Church

Glorifying God by Making  
Disciples of Christ



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- “to ask that you may be filled...” plēroō means completely filled. Filled to the fullest. It also indicates completeness.



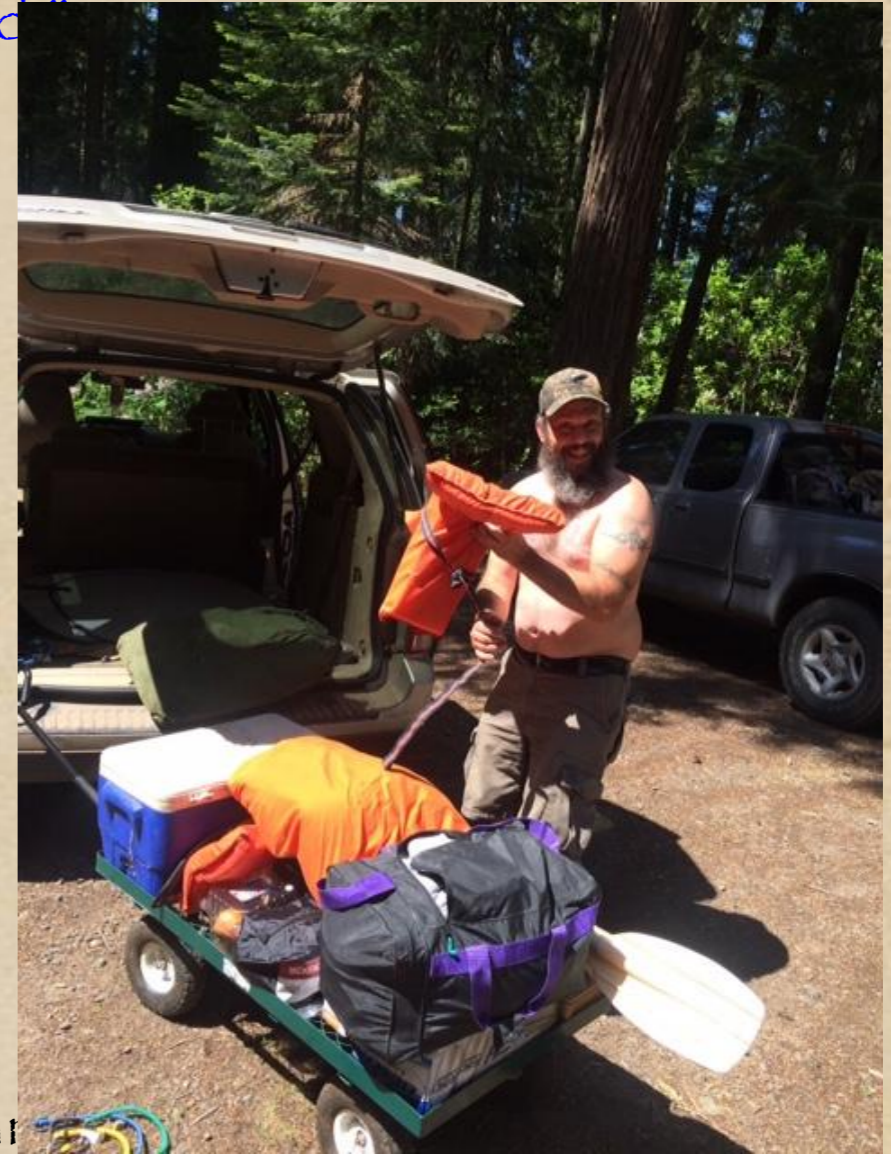
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- ““with the knowledge (epignōsis) of His will (thelēma)...”
- “in all wisdom and spiritual understanding...” Wisdom (sophia) is the ability to apply knowledge correctly. Understanding (synesis) is more specific. Putting things together.



# Colossians 1:10

- “that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God”
- “that you may walk worthy of the Lord...”
- Walking implies both agreement and direction -
- (Amos 3:3)
- The narrow path (Mt. 7:14) →
- is difficult (Jn 16:33; 2 Tim. 3:12),
- but Jesus is with us (Mt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5)
- Walking in a manner worthy of the Lord is the means  
is to have conduct in keeping with our calling - Eph 4:1-3





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- “fully pleasing Him...”
- A worthy walk is defined by four present participles (Col. 1:10-12) which describes the worthy walk
- God's will is that His children reflect His character daily: 1) bearing good fruit, 2) increasing in knowledge, 3) growing in endurance, and 4) giving thanks always.
- Going Deeper with more verses: Colossians 2:6; 3:7; 4:5; Ephesians 2:10; 4:1, 17; 5:2, 15; 1 Thessalonians 2:12; 4:1



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- “being fruitful in every good work...” We will know the true and the false by their fruit - (see Matthew 7:17-18)
- We were saved by God’s grace through faith - but are to walk in good works as a result - (see Ephesians 2:8-10)
- Good works include: Ephesians 4:2-3; Galatians 5:22-23; 6:10; Hebrews 13:15; 1 John 3:16-18
- Good fruit can only be produced if we abide in the vine - John 15



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- “increasing in the knowledge of God...”
- Continued spiritual growth allows for production of even more good works which in turn increases spiritual growth.
- Matthew 25:14-30 Story of the talents
- Mat 25:29 ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.’



# Colossians 1:11

- “strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and long suffering with joy;”
- “strengthened with all might...” Strengthened is the verb dynamoō and means strengthen with great power. Might is the noun dynamis which means a powerful force.
- The Lord’s power and ability to enable and work through His followers is unlimited
- **Romans 8:32** “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things.”



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- for all patience and long suffering with joy;...
- Controversy: Long suffering with Joy or with joy giving thanks.
- Patient endurance of circumstances and loving patience for people are characters of God to be developed in us.
- The empowerment of God allows us to count tribulations & trials to be a source of joy because of the spiritual maturity they develop in us.



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- “giving thanks to the Father...” Look at Colossians 1:3. Paul modeled everything he said.
- “giving thanks to the Father...” “nourisher, protector, upholder”



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- “who has qualified us” fully equips us, fits us, enables us. “Has made us meet.” Belshazzar “found wanting;” we won’t be.
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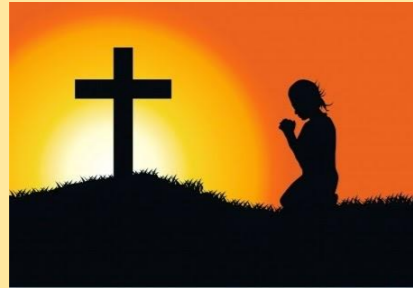


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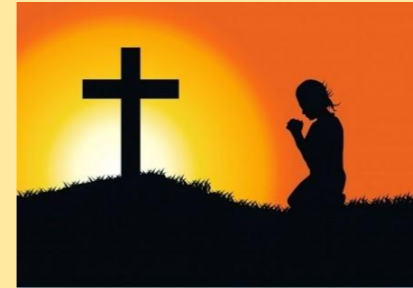
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