

God's Desire for Our Church

Colossians 1: 9-12

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10And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

11being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully 12giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you^[d] to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

13For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14in whom we have redemption,^[e] the forgiveness of sins.

Why we Exist as a Church?

Praise the Lord – Worship

Mathew 22.37-40. 37Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'**[b]** 38This is the first and greatest commandment. 39And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'**[c]** 40All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Prepare the Saints – Word

Ephesians 4. 11-13 11It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Proclaim the Word – Witness

Mathew 28:18-20 18Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



Colossians

The supremacy of Christ Chapter 1

Jesus is the Creator

He is the head of the church

The simplicity of Salvation Chapter 2

Don't worry about philosophies

Don't worry about Principalities

Don't worry about perfection

The service of the saved Chapter 3-4

Serve God

Serve one another

Serve the society

5 Things Paul is Praying For

1. Know the purpose of God.

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3 parts of god' s purpose for us while we are on earth .

Salvation

2 Pet.3:9 9The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Growing in Grace

1Pet.2:2 2Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Living for God' s Glory

1 Cori.10:31 31So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.



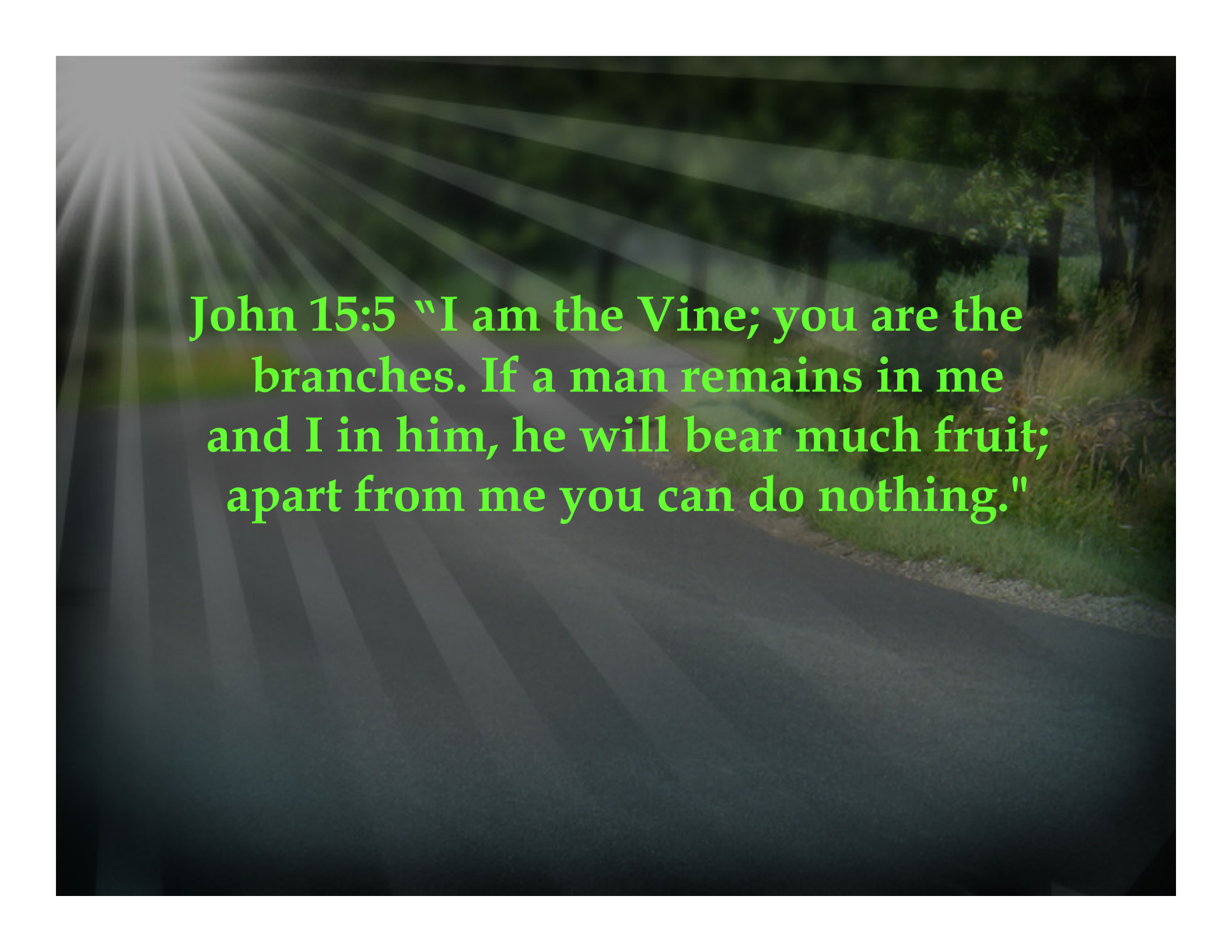
2. Live a life praise worthy of God..

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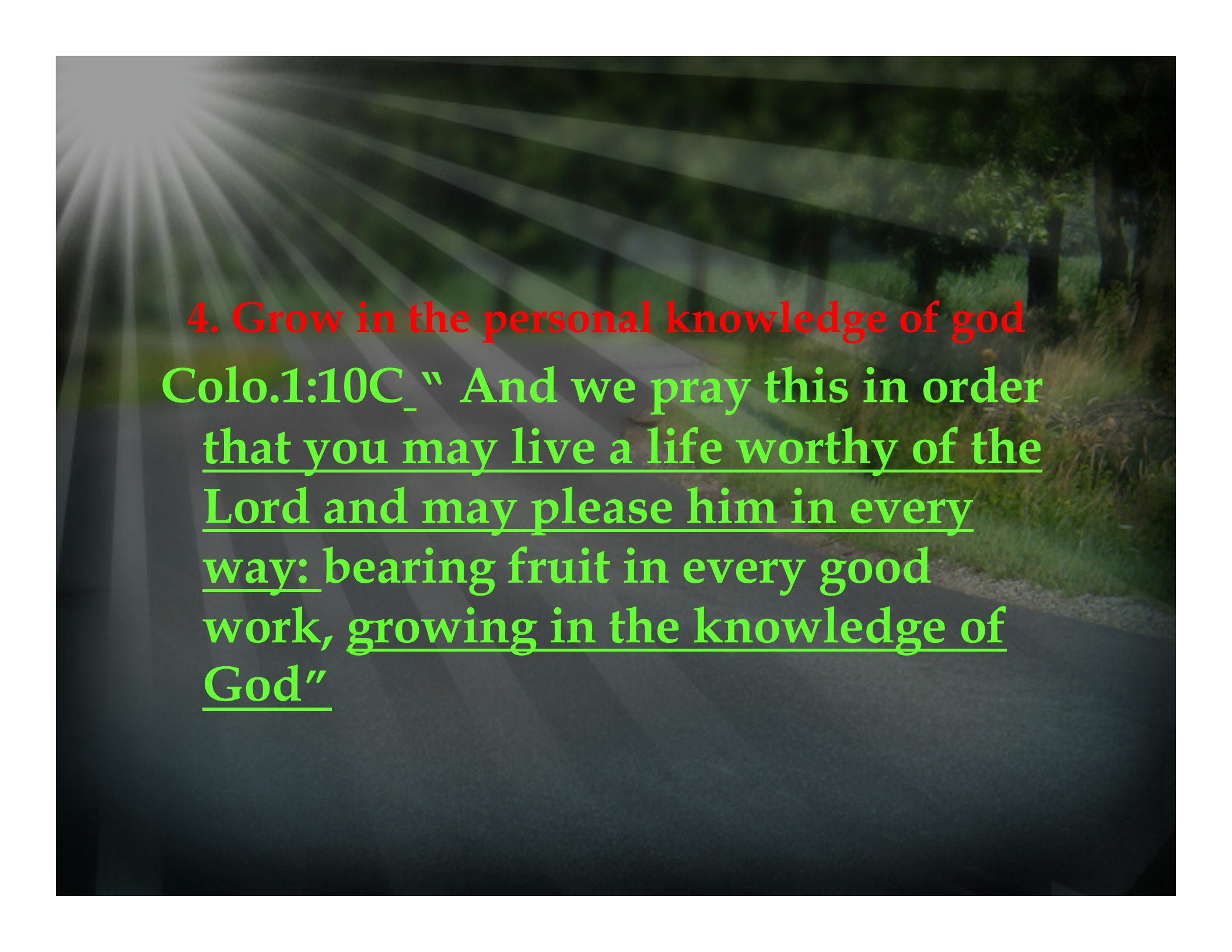


3. Produce Eternal fruits for the Kingdom Of god

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**John 15:5 "I am the Vine; you are the
branches. If a man remains in me
and I in him, he will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing."**



4. Grow in the personal knowledge of god
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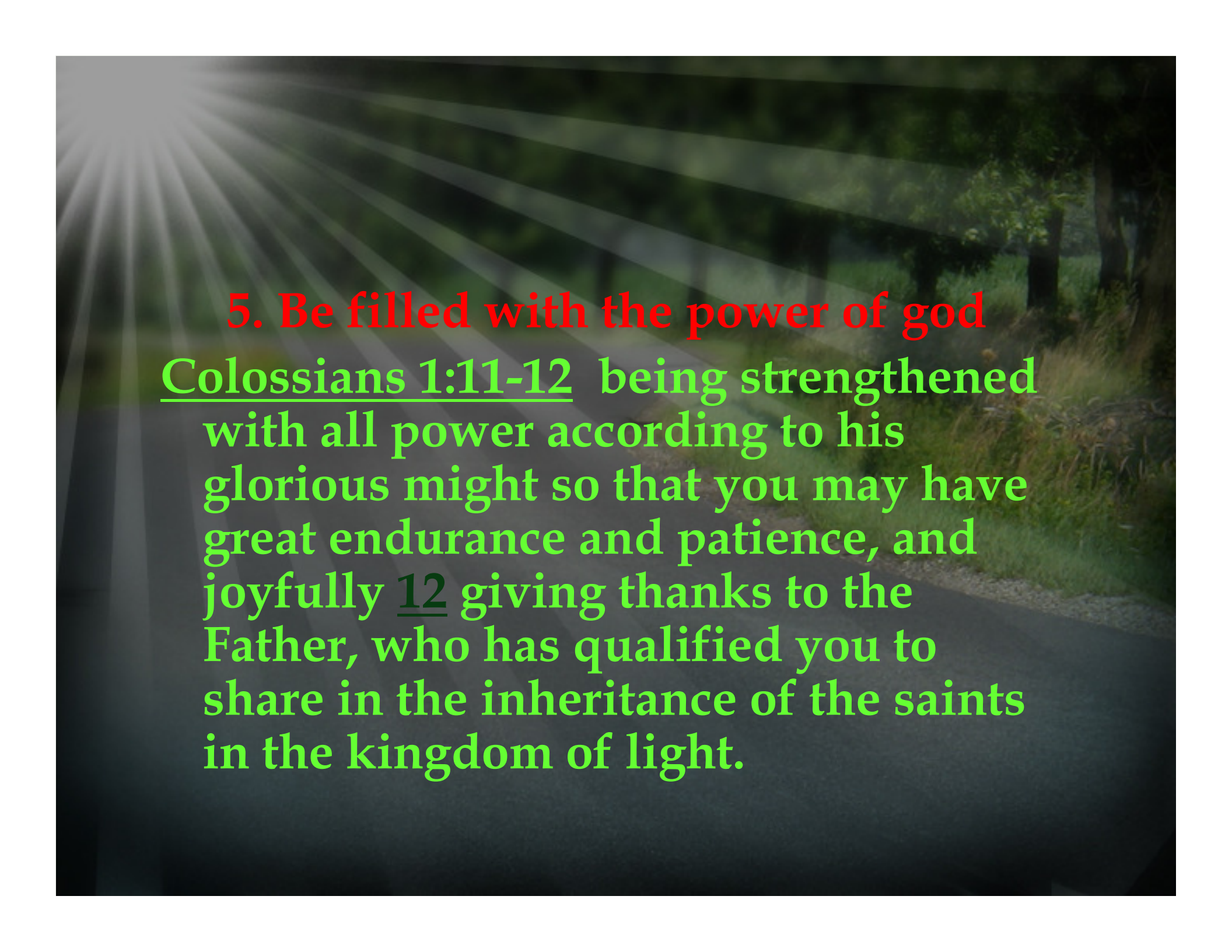
Knowing Jesus is Eternal Life

John 17.3 **3**Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

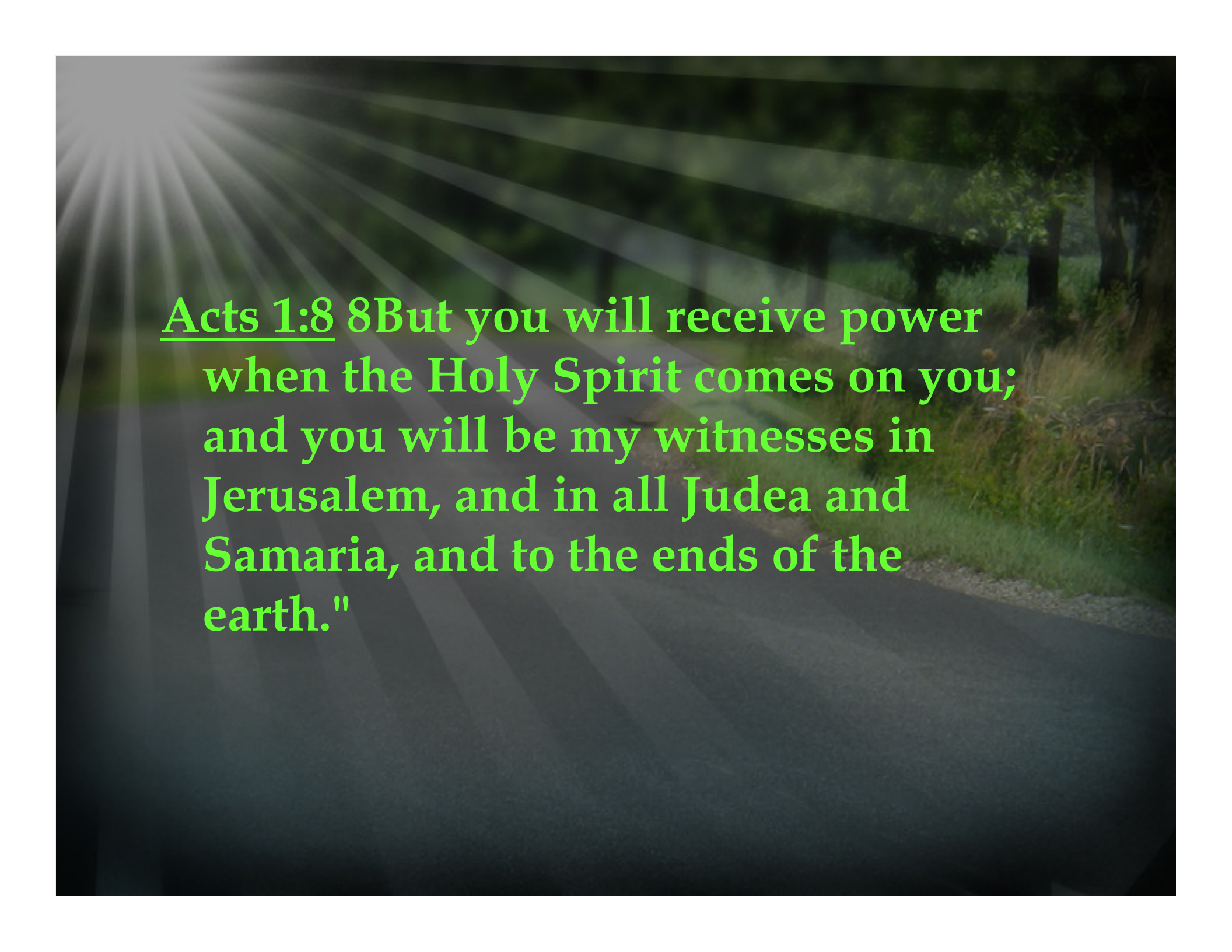


Paul's personal desire

Phili.3:10 10I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.



5. Be filled with the power of god
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glorious might so that you may have
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Acts 1:8 8But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem, and in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the
earth."

