³⁶And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship. —Acts 20:36-38 ESV

As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine.

—I Timothy 1:3 ESV

-.001.tiff -.002.tiff

¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe,

-.003.tiff -.004.tiff

according to the working of His great might ²⁰that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named,

not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

-Ephesians 1:16-23 ESV

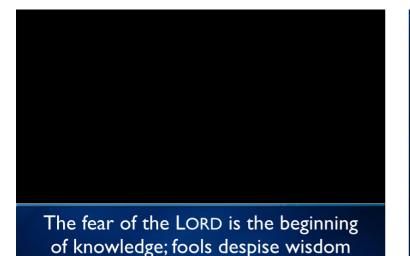
-.005.tiff -.006.tiff



"The Christian life could be described as getting to know God better day by day."

—William Barclay

-.007.tiff -.008.tiff



and instruction.—Proverbs 1:7 ESV

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.

—Psalm 14:1 ESV

Claiming to be wise, they became fools.—Romans 1:22 ESV

-.009.tiff -.010.tiff

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death.—Philippians 3:8-10 ESV

-.011.tiff -.012.tiff

"There is nothing greater in this world than knowing Christ because Christ is everything!"

Christ is Everything
In Him, we see purpose in our days.

-.013.tiff -.014.tiff

"What a great knowledge this is! Once we really understand it, it will inevitably transform how we look at this world with its sin and suffering and how we look at others who by the grace of God also share the destiny."

—James Montgomery Boice

For now we see in a mirror dimly,
but then face to face.

Now I know in part; then I shall know
fully, even as I have been fully known.

—I Corinthians 13:12 ESV

... "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him." —I Corinthians 2:9 ESV

-.015.tiff -.016.tiff

"My life is not significant because of my personal achievements or experiences, but because of my place in God's eternal plan."

Christ is Everything
Through Him, we have power to overcome. Ephesians 1:19-21

-.017.tiff -.018.tiff

The last enemy to be destroyed

The last enemy to be destroyed is death. —I Corinthians 15:26 ESV

Christ is Everything
With Him, we gain presence
in this present world.

-.019.tiff -.020.tiff

"The church is an organism,

not an organization."

"The salvation of the soul is a resurrection, the recovery of a person from the dead. Without God's power not one individual would ever triumph over sin, live a godly life, or come at last to the reward God has for all His own in heaven." —James M. Boice

-.021.tiff -.022.tiff

"The church is to be a transforming power—indeed, through the presence of the risen Christ within, the greatest of all powers in the world. Those who belong to the church are changed; apart from the power of Christ in their lives they do not even belong to it.

Then, having been changed and having become members of the church, they are to work through the power of Christ in the church to transform the world powerfully. This victory is not achieved by arms.

-.023.tiff -.024.tiff

It is not achieved by marches or by the force of power politics. It is the victory of transformed lives as, through the church which Christ fills, the rule of Christ is extended forcefully throughout the world."

—James M. Boice

²⁰Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

Amen. —Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV

-.025.tiff -.026.tiff