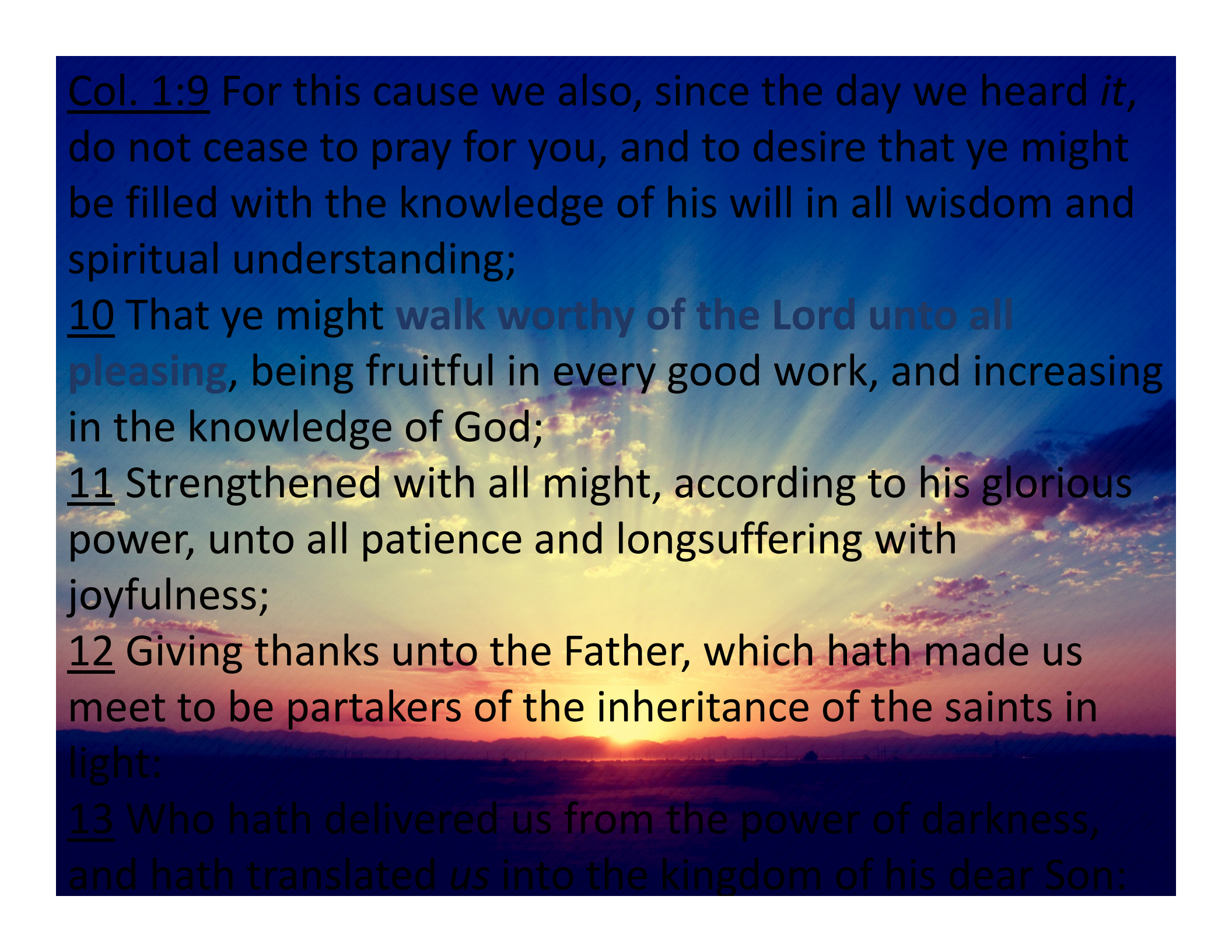


# GLORIFY THE CREATOR

Col. 1:9-18

*“The Reason for Encouragement”*



A sunset over a body of water with mountains in the distance. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the light from the sky.

Col. 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 That ye might **walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing**, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16 For **by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him, and for him:**

17 And he is before all things, and **by him all things consist.**

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

This year our theme is...

*Glorify the Creator*

**glorify**

To praise the glory of (God), especially as an act of worship.

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/glorify?s=t>

A few weeks ago we began focusing upon glorifying the Creator because His is worthy.

This morning, we will focus on the privilege of knowing our Creator, regarding the reason for encouragement.

# I. THE COMPREHENSION OF THE CREATOR

A. The Privilege of Knowledge – 1:9 “...that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

B. The Power of Knowledge – 1:10-12

Col. 1:10 That ye might **walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing**, being fruitful in every good work, and **increasing in the knowledge of God**;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

- “...increasing in the knowledge of God;” – 1:10
- “Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power...”
- “...unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;”
- “Giving thanks.... made us meet to be partakers...”

### C. The Person of Knowledge = The Lord Jesus Christ

- 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:
- 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

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- 18 And **he is the head** of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

## II. THE CONSISTENCY OF CONTROL

Col. 1:17b “...and **by him all things consist.**”

## A. The Consistency

- God, and His Word, never changes.

Mal. 3:6 For **I *am* the LORD, I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Heb. 13:8 **Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**

Psa. 119:89 **For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.**

- God is faithful and true to Himself and His Word.

1 Cor. 1:9 **God *is* faithful**, by whom ye were **called unto the fellowship** of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.



Deut. 7:9 Know therefore that **the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God**, which keepeth covenant and mercy **with them that love him and keep his commandments** to a thousand generations;

## B. The Control

- As the Creator, God is a God of order and complexity.
- As the Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ has all things under control – “...**by him** all things **consist.**”

Original Word: συνίστημι

Transliteration: sunistémi

Definition: I place together, commend, prove, consist, exhibit;

intrans: I stand with; I am composed of, cohere = **stand together**

*synistáō* (from *sýn*, "union, together *with*" and *hístēmi*, "to stand") – properly, "stand together," referring to facts "lining up" with each other to *support* (*commend*) something.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4921.htm>

Luke 9:32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that **stood with** him.

Rom. 5:8 But God **commendeth** his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

2 Cor. 6:4 But in all *things* **approving** ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

2 Pet. 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth **standing out** of the water and in the water:

- Everything is lined up by our Creator, for His glory.

### III. THE CAVEAT OF COMMITMENT

CAVEAT – “a warning or caution; admonition.”

## A. The Factor for His Peace

Rom. 8:28 And we know that **all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.**

- When we are living daily in fellowship with Christ, we can be encouraged to know that all things work together for good, even when things are challenging.
- The caveat is realizing that we cannot we living out of fellowship and expecting this to be true.

Prov. 13:15 Good understanding giveth favour: but **the way of transgressors is hard.**

- Right living for Christ is the result of right loving of Christ.

Rom. 8:28 And we know that **all things work together** for good **to them that love God**, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Original Word: συνεργέω

Transliteration: sunergeó

Short Definition: I work together

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4903.htm>

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord **working with** *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

2 Cor. 6:1 We then, *as workers together with him*, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

Jas. 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

## B. The Faith in His Power

1 Cor. 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: **but God is faithful**, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

Phil. 4:13 I can do **all things through Christ** which strengtheneth me.

Eph. 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, **to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

17 That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,**

## Conclusion

Born: August 9, 1788, Malden, MA    Died: April 12, 1850, Bay of Bengal

*“Adoniram Judson: Following God Through Trials”* – by Mark Weller

**The Judsons would go through trials that make ours seem like a vacation.** Adoniram was beaten and hung upside down every night by his feet in a prison for being a Christian. He was rejected, whipped, slandered and oftentimes starved. His children and his wife died from disease. But through all this, he never gave up on Jesus, and he never gave up on the call to bring the gospel to unreached Burma. God had not only placed a call in Adoniram’s heart. God had given him a loving burden for the lost souls he was sent to reach. **Because he saw the people through the eyes of God’s heart of love, he kept his hands to the plow of Kingdom service in the face of unbearable trials.** Over Adoniram’s many years in Burma, he translated the Bible into Burmese. From what I am told, that translation is still the only one available in the country.



A LITTLE WHILE, AND WE ARE IN ETERNITY.  
BEFORE WE FIND OURSELVES THERE,  
LET US DO MUCH FOR CHRIST.

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Rom. 8:28 epitomized by Adoniram Judson.

Rom. 8:28 And we know that **all things work together** for good **to them that love God**, to them who are the **called according to *his* purpose.**

Gal. 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

