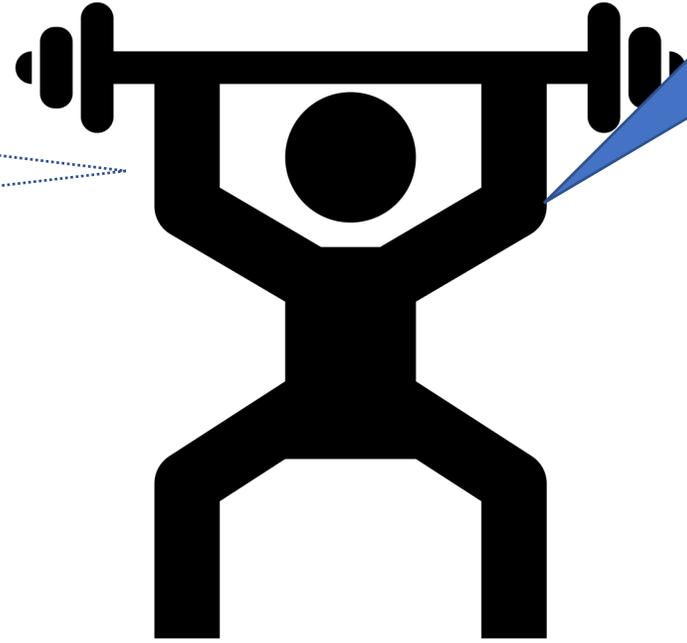


Please help me...



I'M GOOD!



Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:  
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:1-2

# Ephesians 1:3-14

“Determined to Believe”

John Lennox

Divine Sovereignty ↔ Human Responsibility

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Ephesians 1:4

In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Ephesians 1:5-6

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:11-12

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance.

Ephesians 1:13-14



“For two whole years Paul stayed there (Rome) in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Acts 28:30-31

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

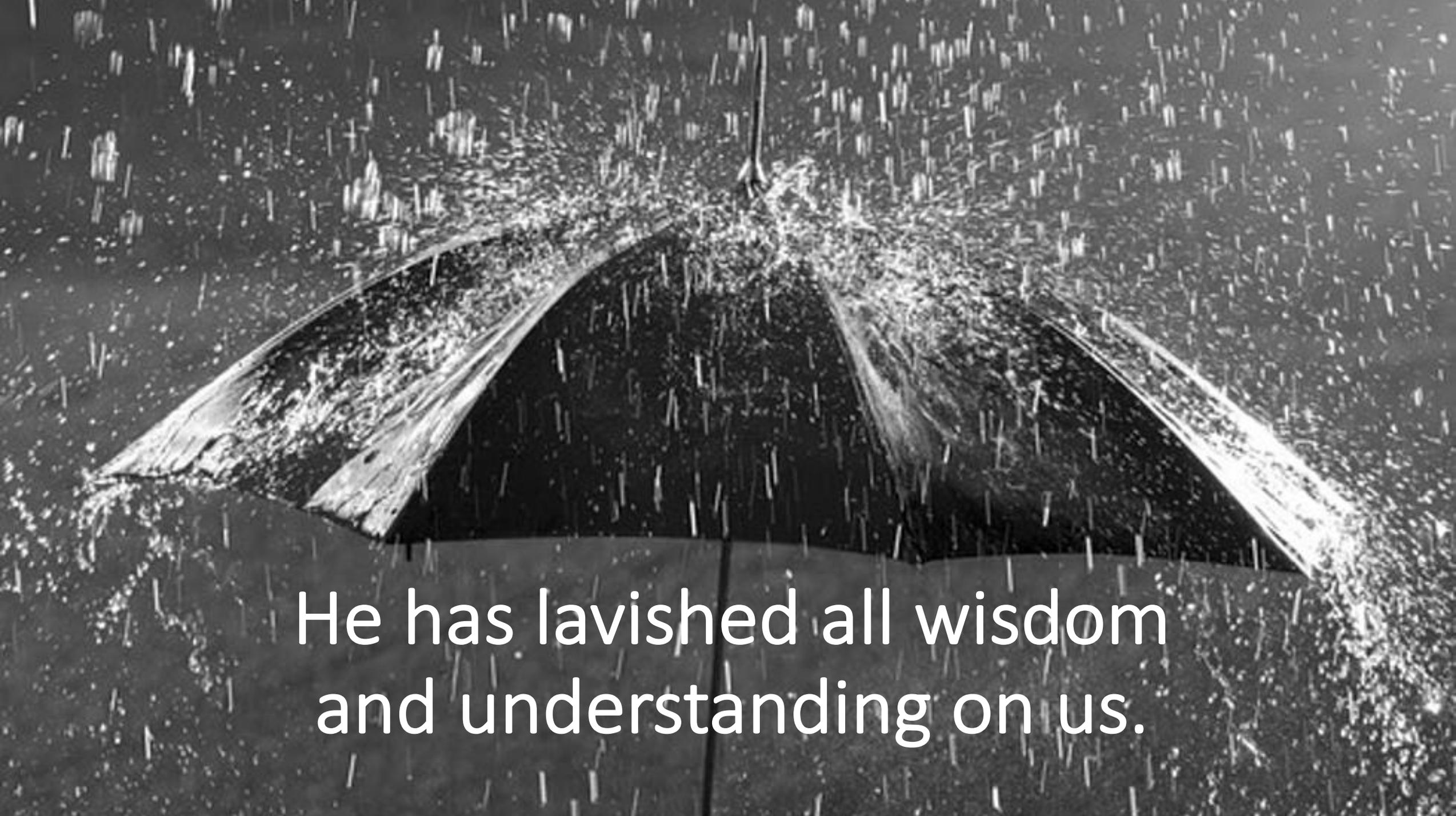
Ephesians 1:3

You were chosen to be holy and blameless in his sight...you have been redeemed and forgiven.

Purpose  
Acceptance

“It was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors. But with the precious blood of Christ.”

1 Peter 1:18

A black and white photograph of an umbrella in the rain. The umbrella is open, and the rain is falling heavily around it, creating a dense pattern of white streaks against a dark background. The umbrella's ribs and the texture of the fabric are visible. The overall mood is serene and protective.

He has lavished all wisdom  
and understanding on us.

In the gospel...answers to life's ultimate questions

*What is ultimate reality?*

*What am I?*

*What is my problem?*

*What is the solution?*

*What is my purpose?*

*What happens when I die?*

And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

Ephesians 1:9-10

Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14

# A Prayer of Paul

Ephesians 1:15-23