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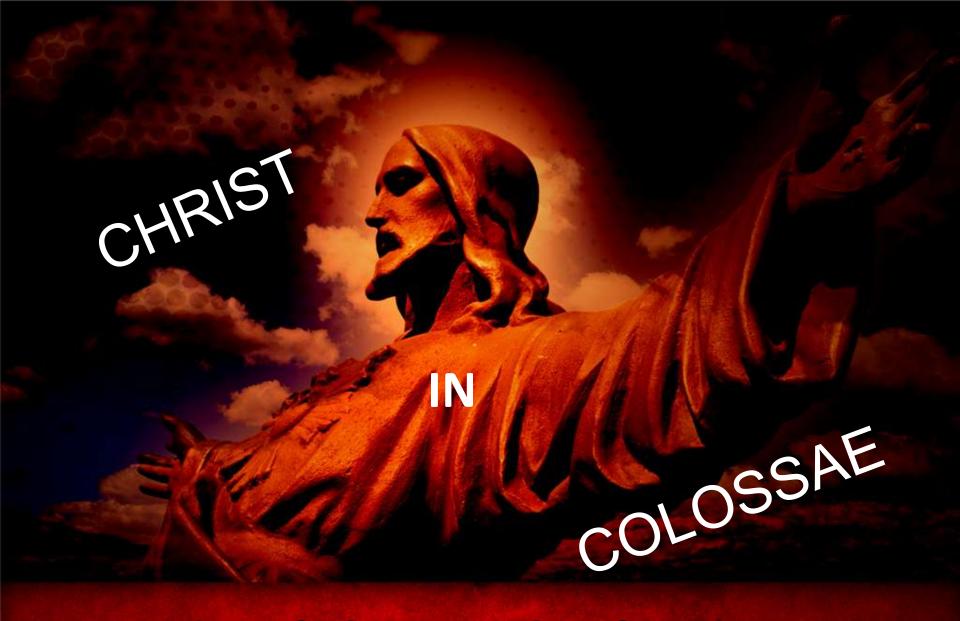


2011 Theme



Colossians I.i.

"Increasing in the knowledge of God"



A Study of the Book of Colossians

Message of Colossians

The Savior is Sufficient & Supreme

 9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, 10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him Col 3:9-10 (NASB)NASU



DRESSED UP TO GO OUT

Colossians 4:5-9

Outline of Colossians

- Greetings: (1:1-2)
- Doctrinal Section (ch. 1-2): Christ (Who)
 - Prayer for the Colossians (1:3-12)
 - Praise for Christ (1:13-23)
 - Paul's Ministry (1:24-2:5)
 - Possibility of Apostasy (2:6-23)
- Practical Section (ch. 3-4): Christian (What)
 - New View: Things Above (3:1-11)
 - New Clothing: Holiness (3:12-17)
 - Dressed Up to Stay In (3:18-4:4)
 - Dressed Up to Go Out (4:5-9)
- Parting Thoughts: (4:10-18)



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Christ loved the world
Paul Loved the World
I should Love the world

I should share the GOSPEL
I should speak with GRACE





Put On a Christcoat (Col. 3-4)

- A coat of PURITY
 - A coat of PEACE
- A coat of PATIENCE
 - A coat of PRAISE

- · Wear it in the Family
 - · Wear it in the World



NEW CLOTHES: In the World

Colossians 4:5-9