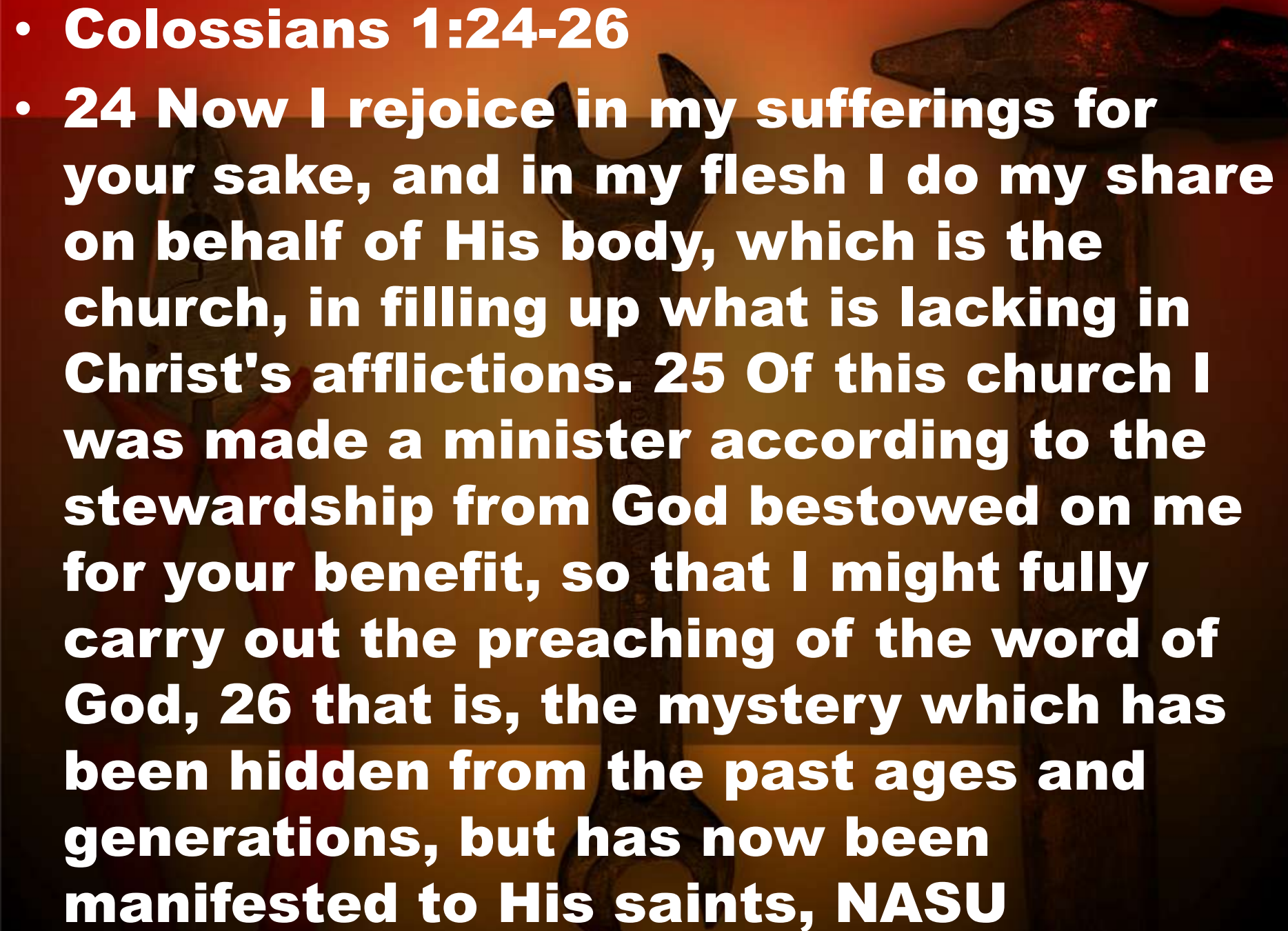
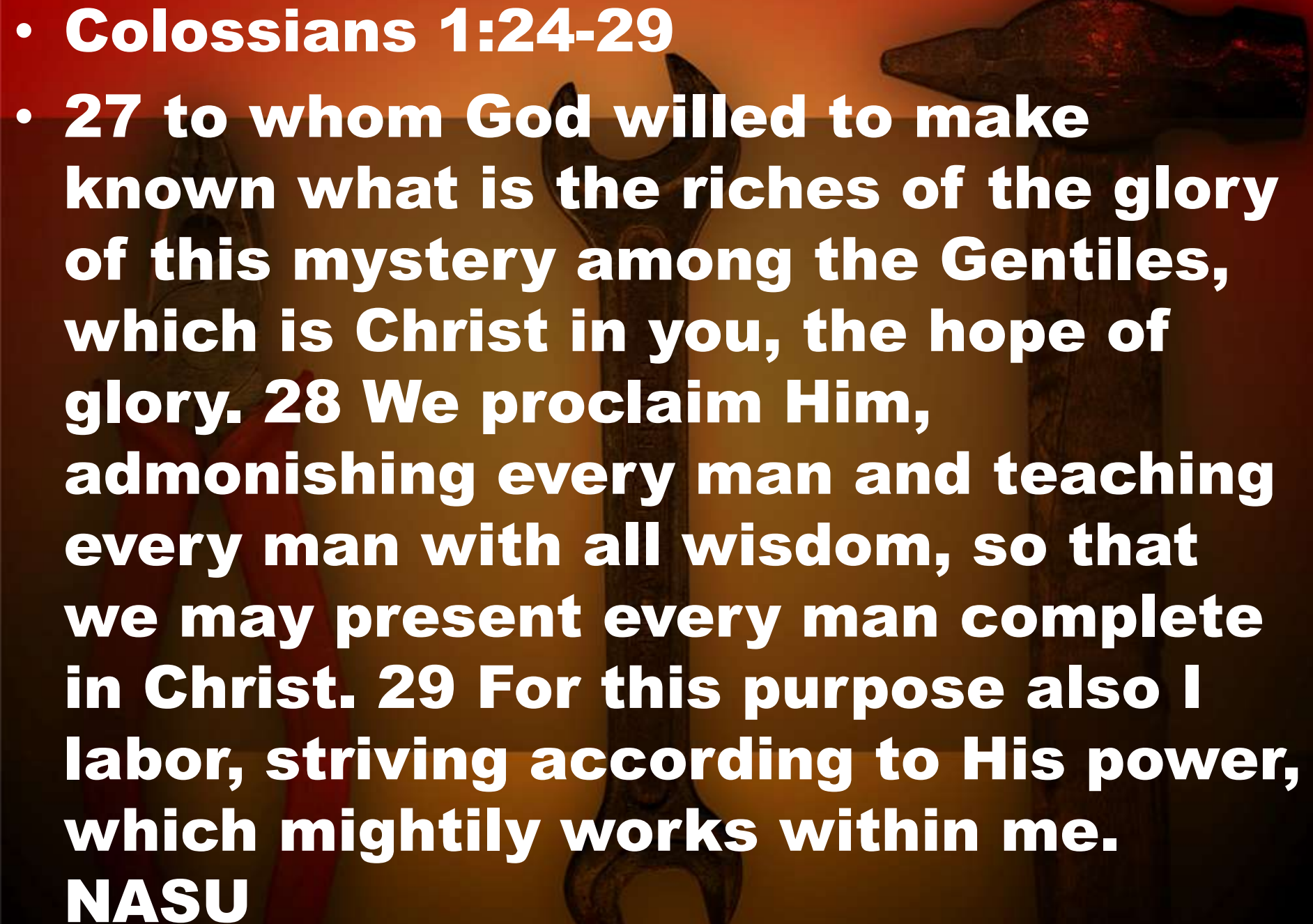


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2011 Theme

Colossians 1:10



**“Increasing in the
knowledge of God”**



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COLOSSAE

A Study of the Book of Colossians

“The Savior is Sufficient and Supreme”

- **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)
 - In the Family (3:18-4:4)
 - In the World (4:5-9)
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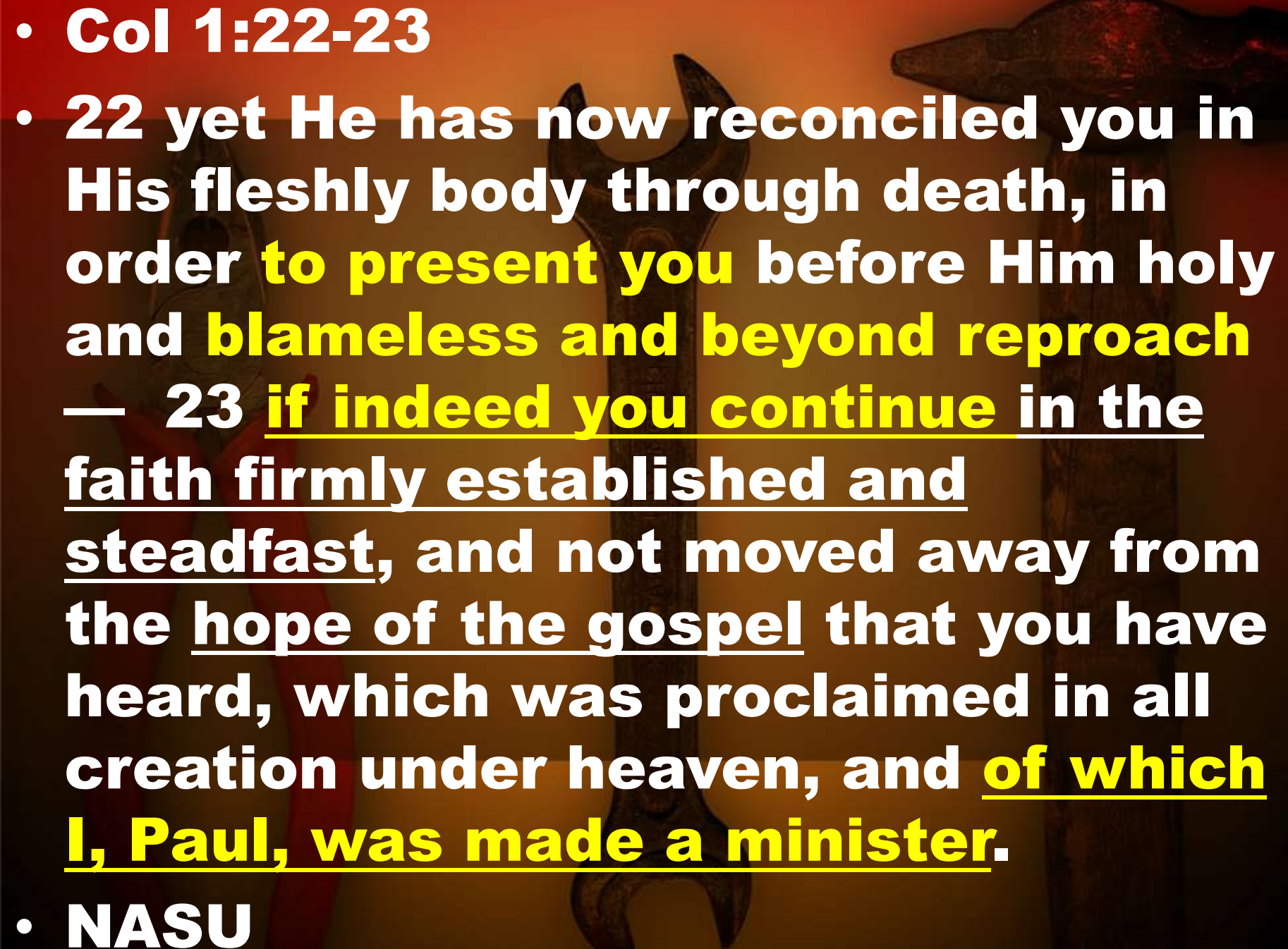


Ministry for the Master

Colossians 1:24-2:5



**Suffering So
Saints Are Safe**

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- **Col 1:22-23**
 - **22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order **to present you** before Him holy and **blameless and beyond reproach** — 23 **if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and **of which I, Paul, was made a minister.******
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Paul's Ministry

- **Paul's Suffering (1:24)**
- **Paul's Stewardship (1:25-29)**
- **Paul's Struggle (2:1-5)**



Paul's Suffering

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Why He Suffered

- Suffered for the **Colossians**
- Suffered for the **Church**
- Suffered for **Christ**
 - Christ suffered to redeem the **Colossians**
 - Paul continues this by suffering for their faithfulness



Stewardship for God

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Paul's Ministry

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- **Minister of God (2 Cor. 6:4)**
- **Minister of Christ (2 Cor. 11:23)**
- **Minister of a New Covenant (2 Cor 3:6)**
- **Minister of a Mystery (Col 1:26)**



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Struggle for the Saints



- Col 2:1-2
- 1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, 2 that their hearts may be **encouraged**, having been **knit together** in love, and **attaining to all the wealth** that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, **Christ Himself, NASU**

Struggle for the Saints



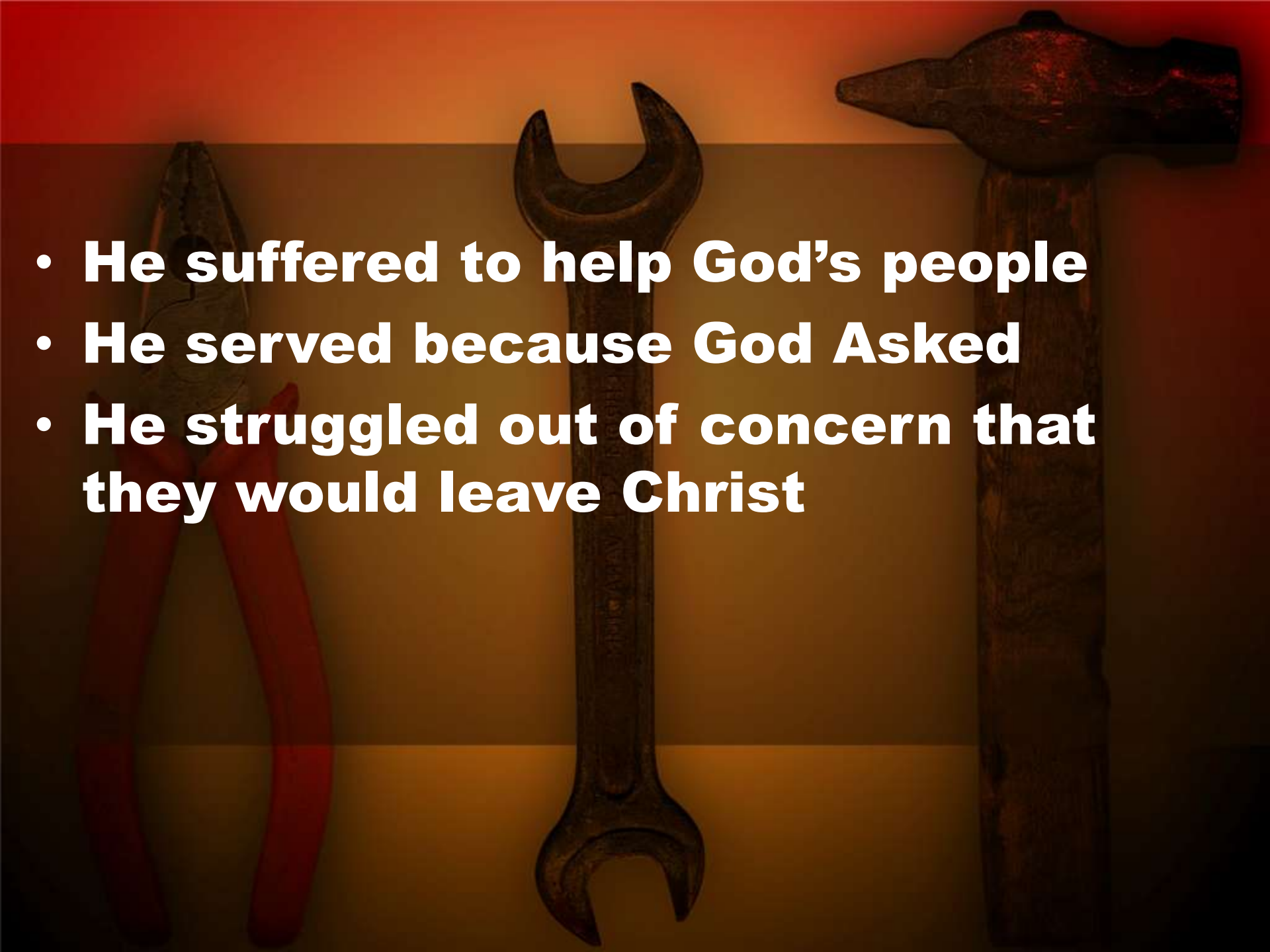
- **Col 2:3-5**
- **3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument. 5 For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ.**
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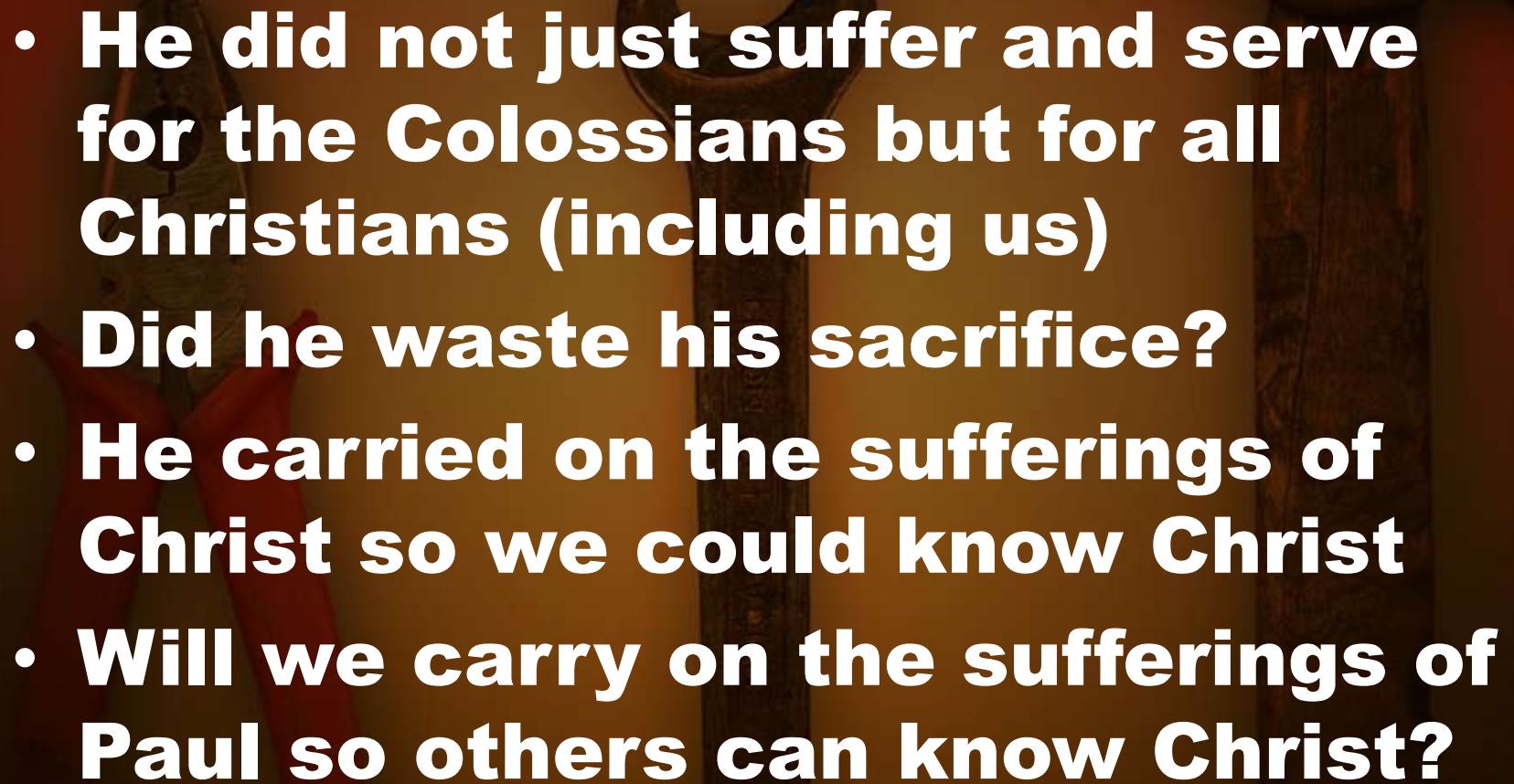


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- **He suffered to help God's people**
 - **He served because God Asked**
 - **He struggled out of concern that they would leave Christ**

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- **He did not just suffer and serve for the Colossians but for all Christians (including us)**
 - **Did he waste his sacrifice?**
 - **He carried on the sufferings of Christ so we could know Christ**
 - **Will we carry on the sufferings of Paul so others can know Christ?**



Ministry for the Master

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