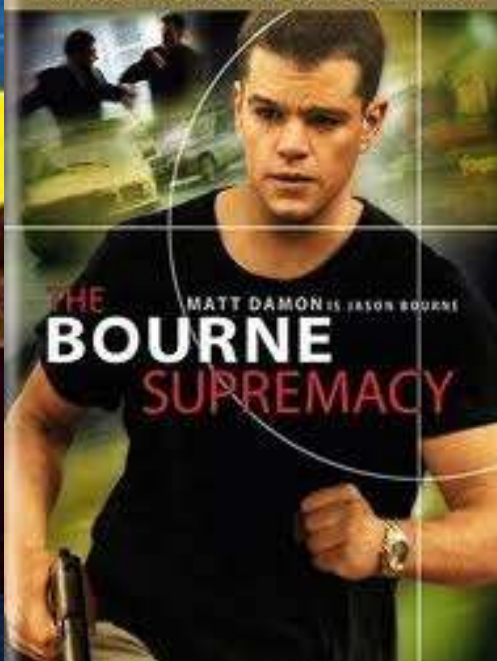


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Colossians 1:13-23

2011 Theme

Colossians 1:10



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

The Savior is Sufficient & Supreme

- **Greetings: (1:1-2)**
- **Doctrinal Section (ch. 1:3-2:23): 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)
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 - New Clothing: Holiness (3:12-17)
 - In the Family (3:18-4:4)
 - In the World (4:5-9)
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- **Matt 16:18-19**
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- **John 18:36-37**
- **36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." 37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." NASU**

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Freed Slaves

- The word “redemption” comes from the Greek term, “*apolutrosis*.” This term means “a releasing effected by payment of ransom” (Thayer).
- “It is the word that was used for the emancipation of a slave, and for the buying back of something which is in the power of someone else” (M. Dunnam 342).
- The word stresses 2 things, “release” and “ransom.”
- Peter said, “*Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ*” (1 Peter 1.18-19 NASU).

Condemned Criminals

- The term translated “forgiveness” is the Greek word “*aphesis*.”
- It means “pardon, of sins (letting them go as if they had never been committed), remission of the penalty” (Thayer's Greek Lexicon).
- **Redemption** stresses that we were set free from that which imprisoned us.
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- **Gen 1:27** 27 God **created man in His own image**, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. NASU
- **Heb 1:1-4**
- **God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature**, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they. NASU (cf. **John 1:1-4**)

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- **Genesis 27:34-38**

- **34** When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!" **35** And he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and has taken away your blessing." **36** Then he said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob, for he has supplanted me these two times? He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing." And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?" **37** But Isaac replied to Esau, "Behold, I have made him your master, and all his relatives I have given to him as servants; and with grain and new wine I have sustained him. Now as for you then, what can I do, my son?" **38** Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." So Esau lifted his voice and wept. **NASU**

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- **1 Cor 15:20-25**

- **20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, **the first fruits of those who are asleep.** 21 For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: **Christ the first fruits,** after that those who are Christ's at His coming, 24 then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. NASU**

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Enemies of God

- **We are enemies of God (Eph. 2.15-16).**
- **We deserve God's wrath (Eph. 2.3-4).**
- **God is a just God and as such must punish sin.**

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- God punished Jesus instead of us (Isa. 53.7).
- Jesus paid the price for us, making peace.

• **Rom 5:6-11** 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. **NASU**

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- **He was treated as if he were me, so I can be treated as if I am Him.**

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Summary

- **The Goal is to present us blameless**
- **Cannot happen if we are not faithful**
- **Paul's ministry includes both proclaiming the message of salvation and helping them stay faithful**



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HE Leads to ME

- **He is supreme and sufficient**
- **I should be sanctified and stable**
- **He is all I need for salvation and**
- **who I imitate for sanctification**



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