



***“10 Tips to Start the New Year Off Right”***  
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# ***Begin the works of the Lord ...***

*Then Jesus came from Galilee  
to the Jordan  
to be baptized by John.*

*But John tried to deter him,  
saying, "I need to be baptized by  
you, and do you come to me?"*

*Jesus replied, "Let it be so now;  
it is proper for us to do this  
to fulfill all righteousness."*

*Then John consented.*

*Matthew 3:13-15*

*And a voice from heaven said,  
"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I  
am well-pleased."*

*Matthew 3:17*



***with Our Baptismal Vow.***

# RECONCILED TO GOD

*Colossians 1:21-23*



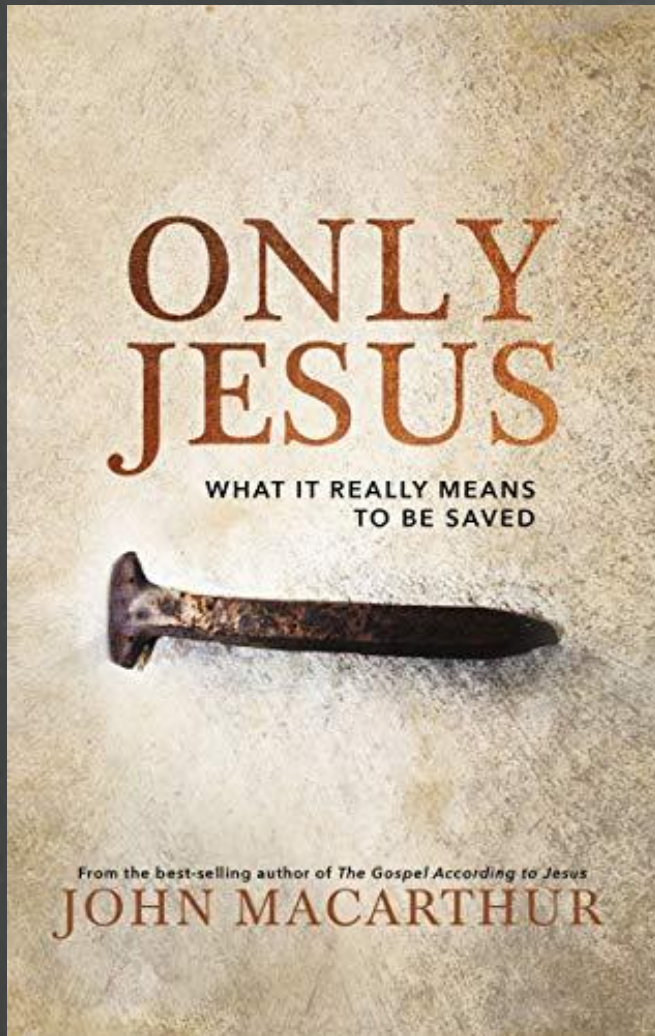
*Are you at peace with God?*

1. The Gospel Has Come To You
2. Freedom from Human Regulations
3. Do Not Let Anyone Judge You
4. Leaders in Perfect Harmony
5. No Favoritism for God's Household
6. Reconciled in His Sight

## Solus Christus - In Christ Alone

# Colossians 1:15-23

Start New Year with What Matters the Most!



# Colossians 1:15-23

What Matters the Most in Our Life!

## The Supremacy of Christ

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

*He is the image of the invisible God,  
the first born over all creation.  
By him all things were created:  
Things in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or powers or rulers  
or authorities;  
All things were created  
by him and for him.*

...

*Colossians 1:15-20*



# Colossians 1:15-23

## What Matters the Most for the Church?

**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.**

- Colossians 1:18 (KJV) -



*Not imperial authority,  
nor papal supremacy ...*



# Colossians 1:15-23

What Matters the Most in the World/Universe?



Environmental Peace

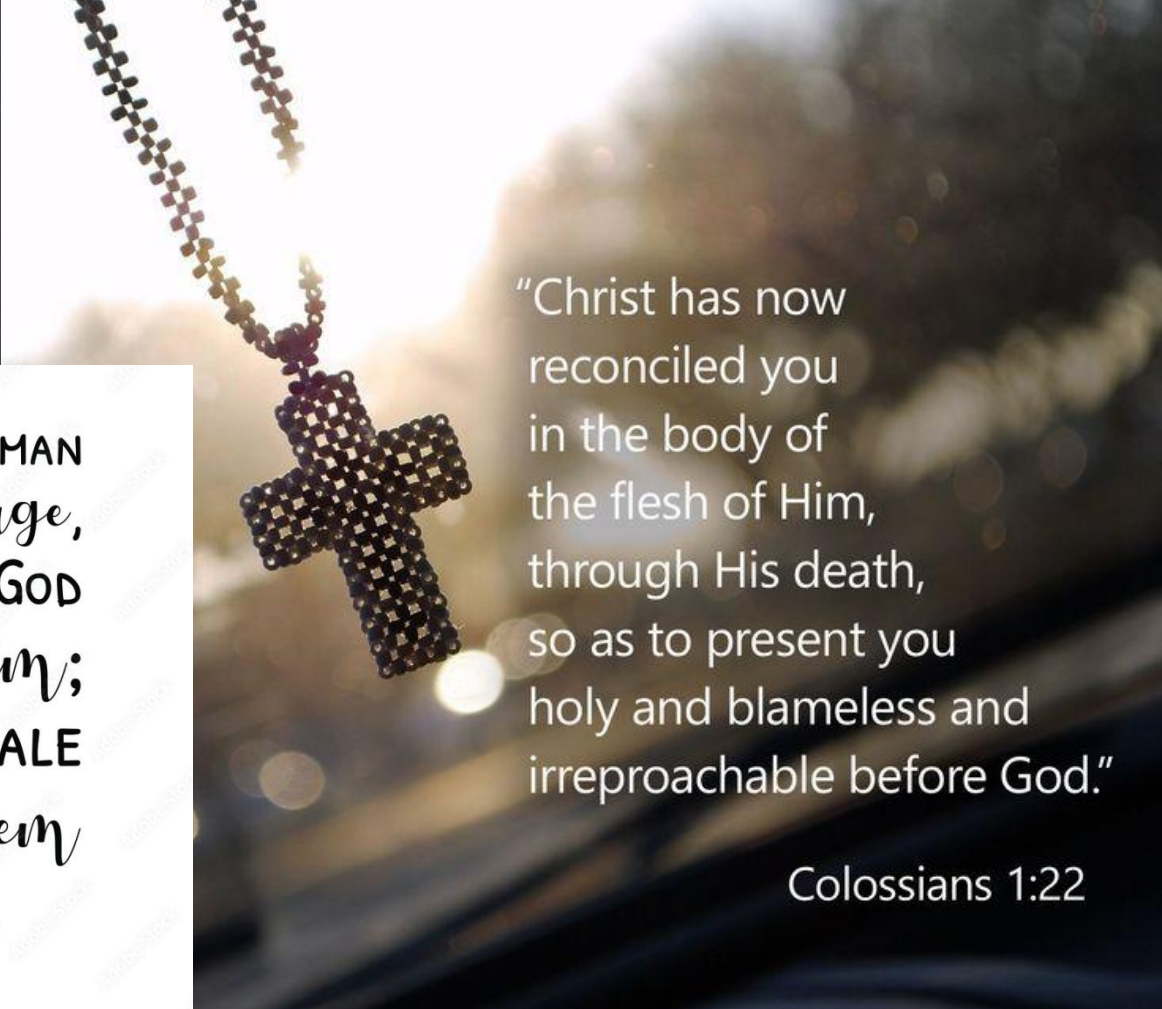


# Colossians 1:15-23

## Why Does Christ Matter?

SO GOD CREATED MAN  
in his own image,  
IN THE IMAGE OF GOD  
he created him;  
MALE AND FEMALE  
he created them

**Genesis 1:27**



"Christ has now  
reconciled you  
in the body of  
the flesh of Him,  
through His death,  
so as to present you  
holy and blameless and  
irreproachable before God."

Colossians 1:22

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*Part 2. Freedom from Human Regulations*

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*O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.  
You know when I sit and when I rise;  
You perceive my thoughts from afar.  
You discern my going out and my lying down;  
You are familiar with all my ways.  
Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.*

*Psalm 139:1-4*



***Man cannot live without God.***

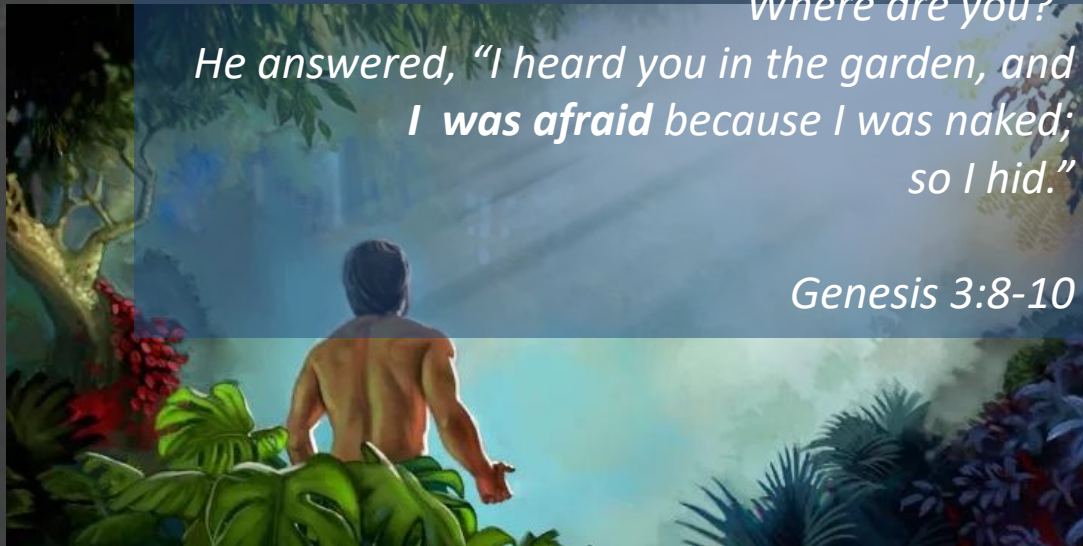
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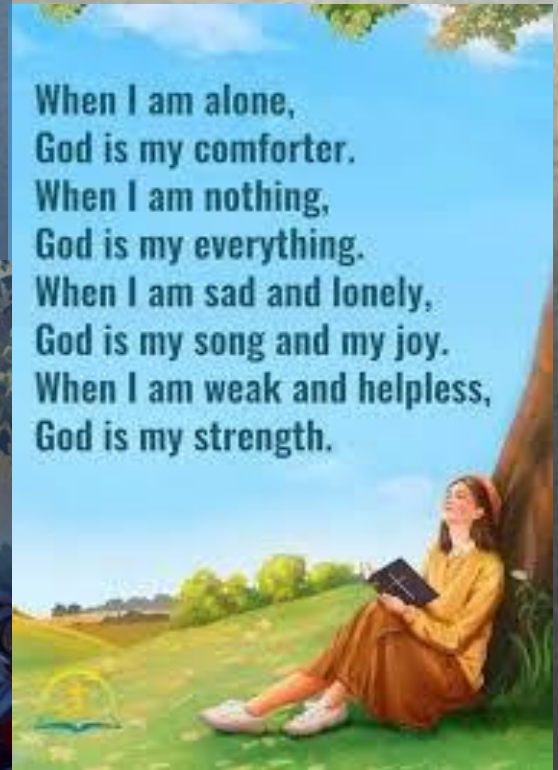
Then the man and his wife heard **the sound of the Lord God** as he was waling in the garden in the cool of the day, and **they hid** from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

Genesis 3:8-10



When I am alone,  
God is my comforter.  
When I am nothing,  
God is my everything.  
When I am sad and lonely,  
God is my song and my joy.  
When I am weak and helpless,  
God is my strength.



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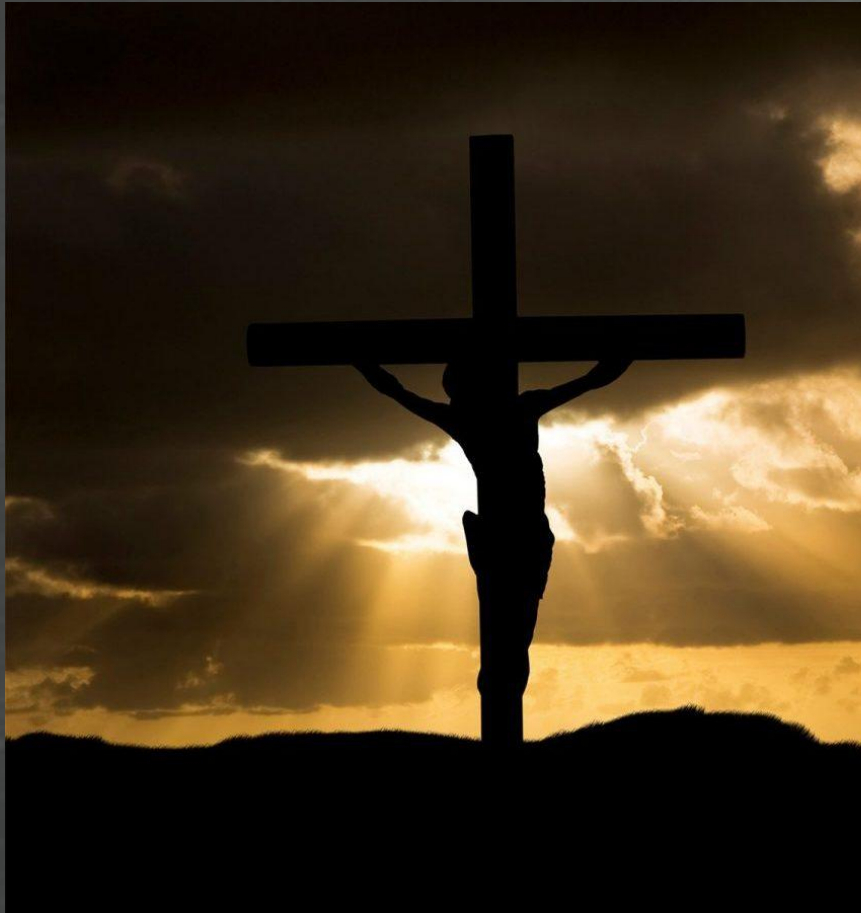
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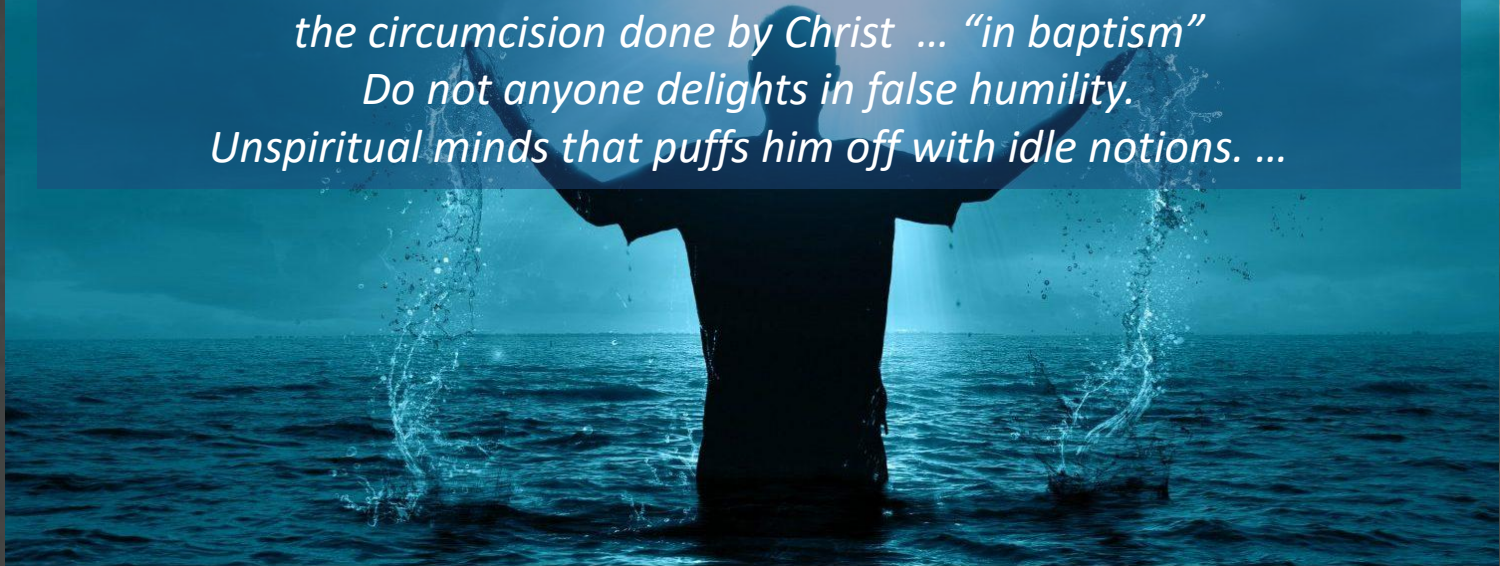
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### *3. Through baptism God anoints us as the born again from human regulations.*

*No one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.*

*Colossians 2:6-23*

*the circumcision done by Christ ... “in baptism”  
Do not anyone delights in false humility.  
Unspiritual minds that puffs him off with idle notions. ...*



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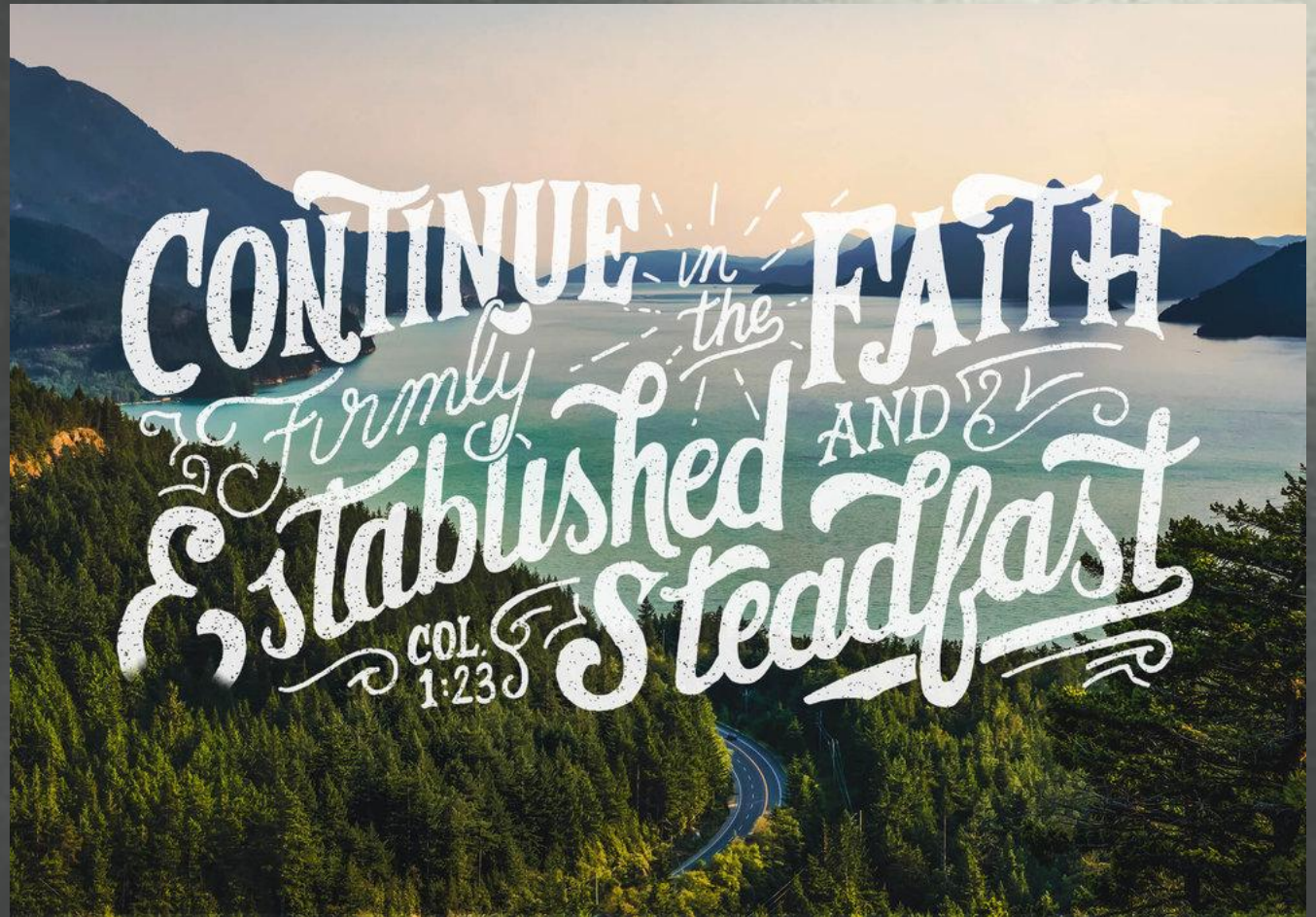
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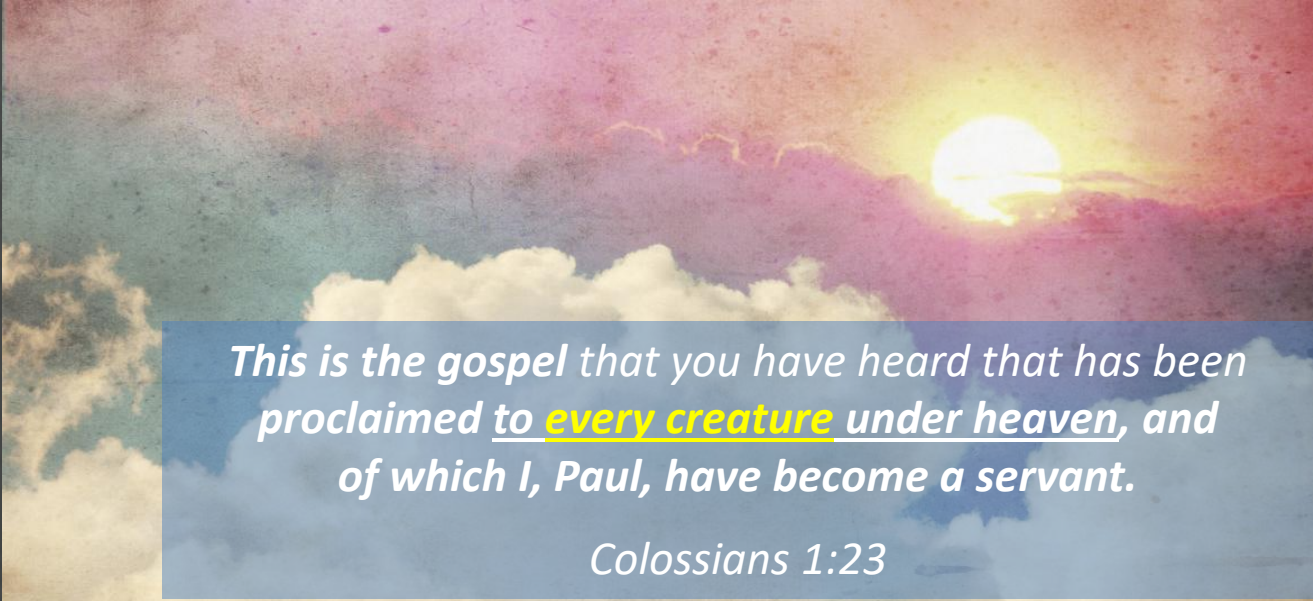
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*This is the gospel that you have heard that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.*

*Colossians 1:23*

***Envision Christian Stewardship with/for Co-Creatures!***



**COLOSSIANS**  
THE SUPREMACY & SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS

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