

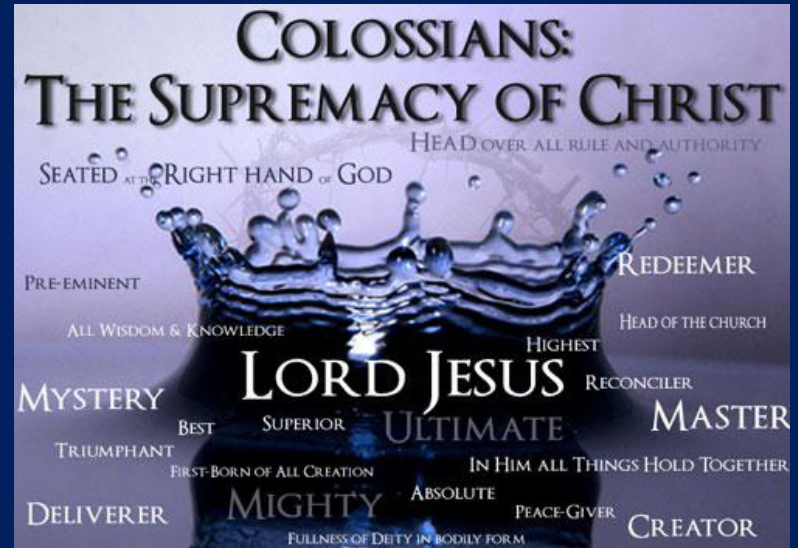
Prayer and Person: Colossians 1:9-18



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Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	<u>Sanctification</u>	Glorification
Tense	Past	<u>Present</u>	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	<u>Power</u>	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	<u>Philip 2:12</u>	Rom 5:10

Rick Warren



- “God won’t ask you about your religious background or doctrinal views.”
- “Jesus said our *love for each other* - not our doctrinal beliefs - is our greatest witness to the world.”
- “Today many assume that spiritual maturity is measured by the amount of biblical information and doctrine you know.”

Purpose Driven Life 34, 124, 183

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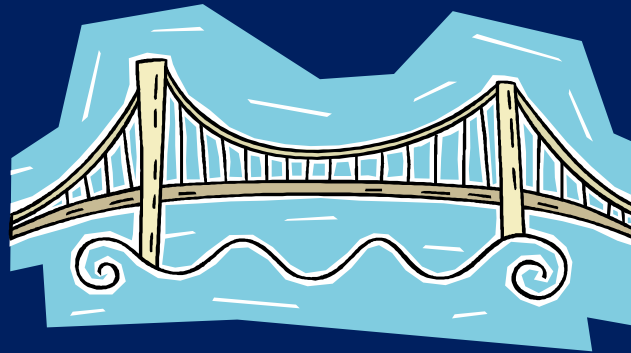
- “The Bible is far *more than a doctrinal guidebook.*”
- “The *last thing* many believers need today is to go to another *Bible study.* They already know far more than they are putting into practice.”
- “My pastor has been in Daniel’s seventy weeks longer than Daniel was!”

Purpose Driven Life 186, 231; *Purpose Driven Church* 300

Ephesians 4:1

Therefore...

1-3



4-6

Ephesians: What Is Inside?

1–3

Relationship

No imperatives

Orthodoxy

Knowledge

Belief

Position

Privileges

4–6

Responsibility

35 imperatives

Orthopraxy

Wisdom

Behavior

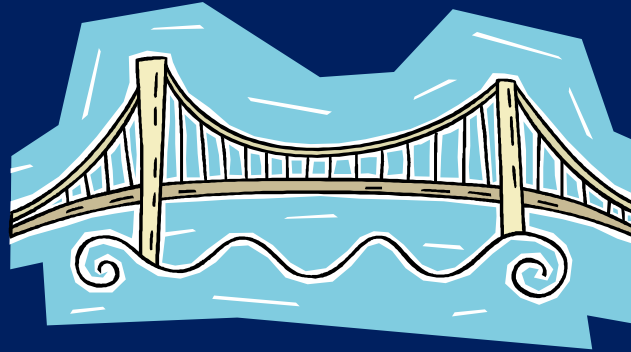
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Galatians 5:1

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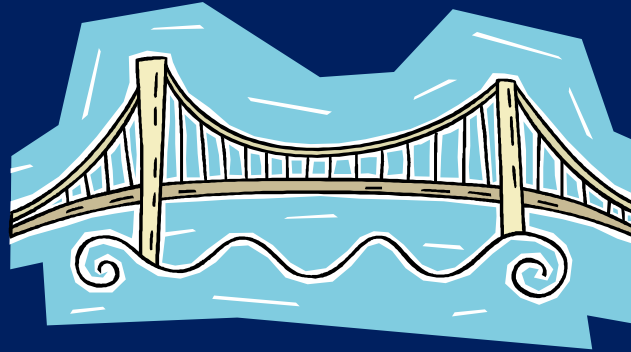


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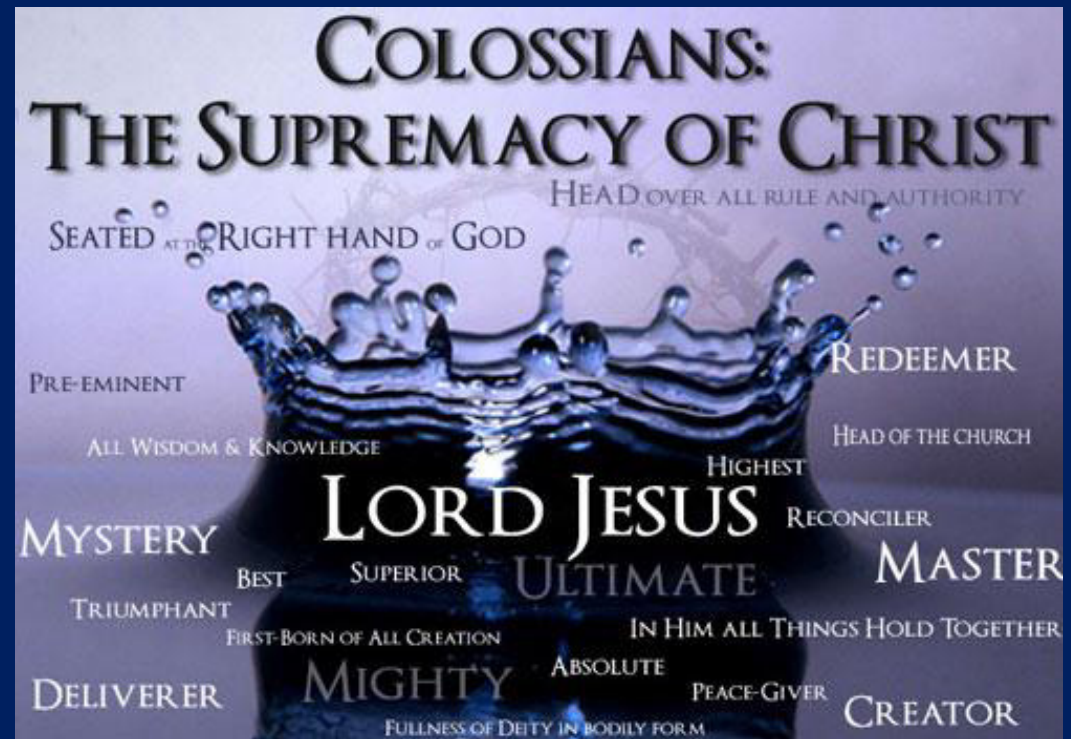
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Inheritance vs. Reward

	Gift	Reward
Received by?	All believers	Some believers
Basis?	God's child	Faithfulness
Example?	Inheritance	Crown
Scripture?	Colossians 1:12	1 Cor. 3:15 1 Cor. 9:24-27 2 John 8 Rev. 3:11

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Kingdom



“I stand before you confidently right now and say to you that God is going to use you to change the world...I'm looking at a stadium full of people right now who are telling God they will do whatever it takes to establish *God's Kingdom* "on earth as it is in heaven.” What will happen if the followers of Jesus say to Him, “We are yours?” What kind of spiritual awakening will occur?”

Rick Warren, cited in Oakland, Kindle edition.

Emergent: Kingdom



“If Revelation were a blueprint of the distant future, it would have been unintelligible to its original readers...In light of this, Revelation becomes a powerful book about the kingdom of God here and now, available to all.”

Brian McLaren, cited in Oakland, 158.

KING OF THE KINGDOM



■ Kingdom Characteristics

Is. 2:1-4; 11:6-9

- ◆ Spiritual
- ◆ Ethical
- ◆ Political
- ◆ Earthly
- ◆ Social



Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles



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Levitical Feasts (Lev. 23)

Feast	Season	Purpose	Type
<u>Passover</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Redemption</u>	<u>1 Cor 5:7</u>
Unleavened Bread	Spring	Separation	John 6:35
1st fruits	Spring	Praise	1 Cor 15:20
Pentecost	Spring	Praise	Acts 2:1-4
Trumpets	Fall	New Year	Matt 24:31
Atonement	Fall	Lev 16	Zech 12:10
Booths	Fall	Wilderness provision	Zech 14:16-18

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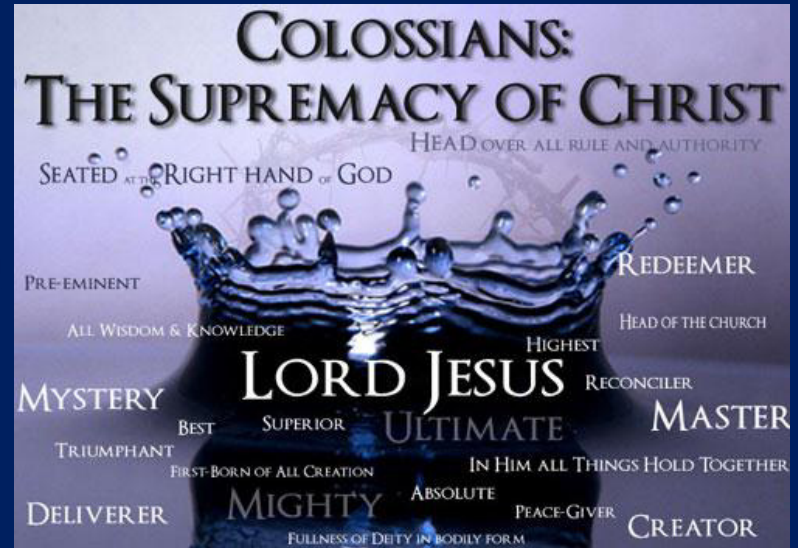
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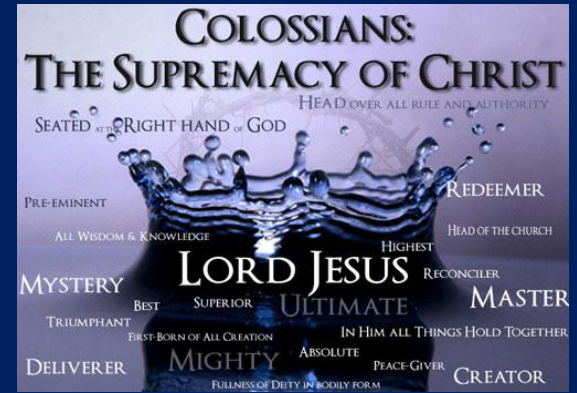
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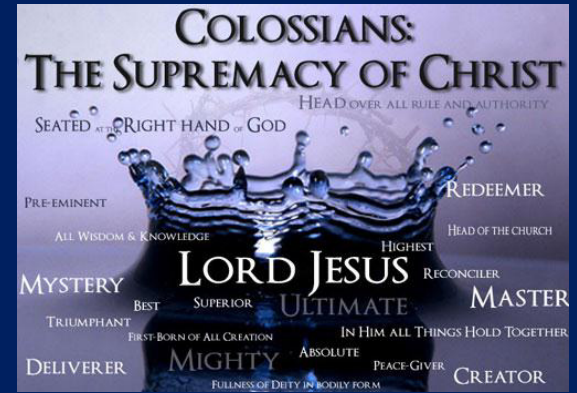
b. What this *does* mean

Nicene Creed (A.D. 325)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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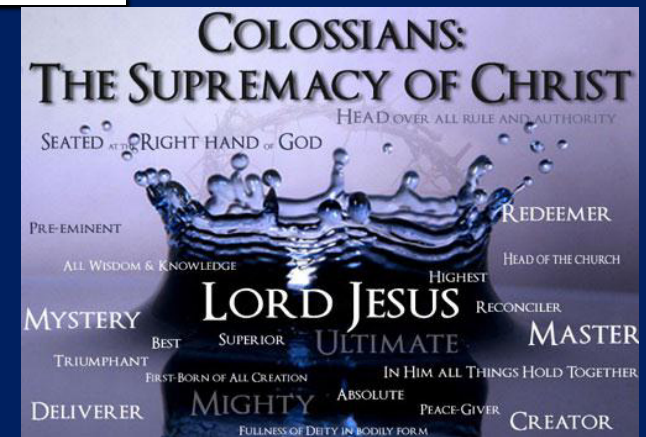
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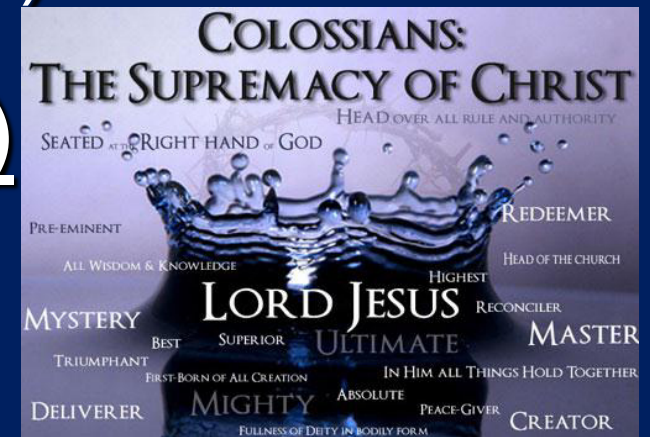
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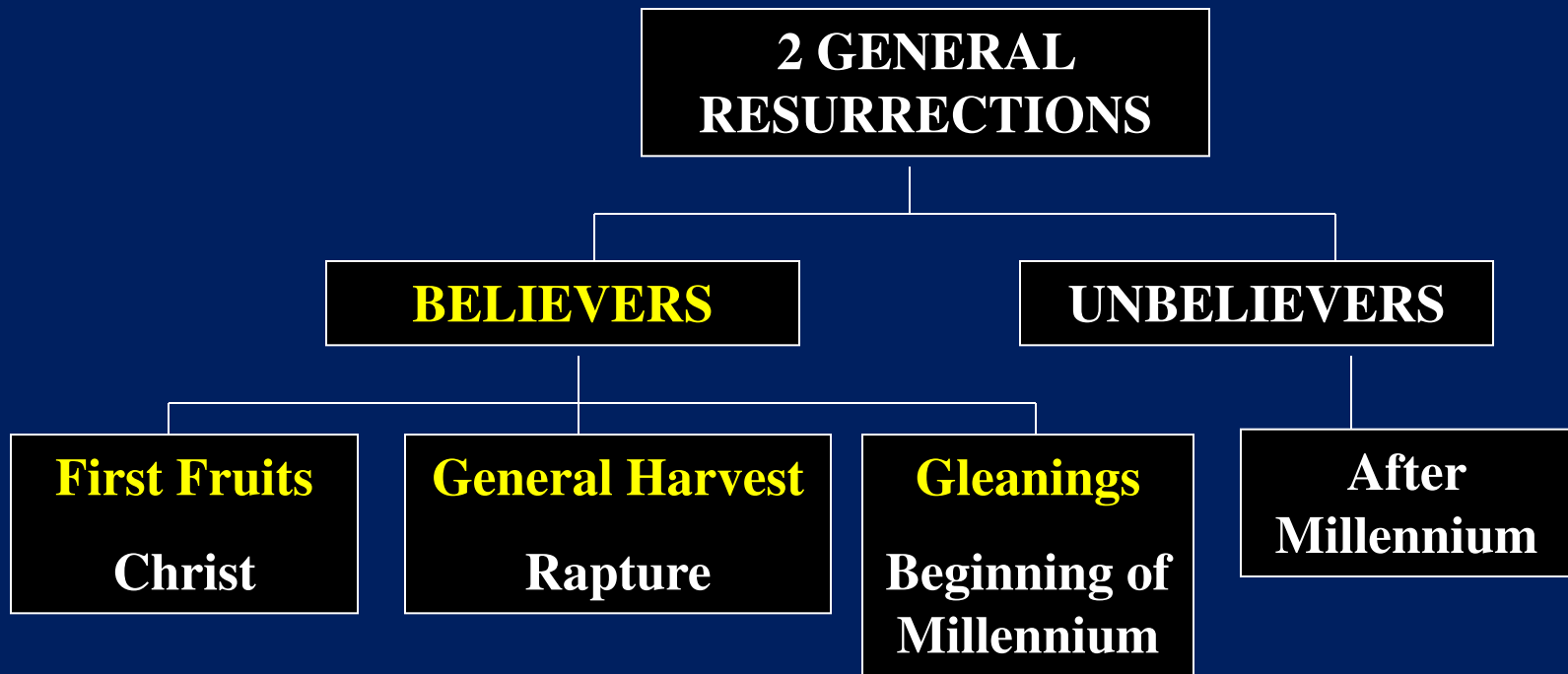
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God's Resurrection Program



Order or *Tagma* (1 Cor. 15:23)

- General: Christ's resurrection (1 Cor 15:23)
- Officer: Rapture (1 Thess 4:13-18)
- Soldiers: OT saints & Tribulation martyrs (Rev 20:4)
- Captives: Unsaved of all ages (Rev 20:5)



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