



# NOTHING

It's a book study message series from the Book of Colossians

#### Why ALL & NOTHING?

It's only when we understand ALL of who Jesus is and what He has done will we realize that NOTHING can be added to His finished work and nothing can compete with Him.

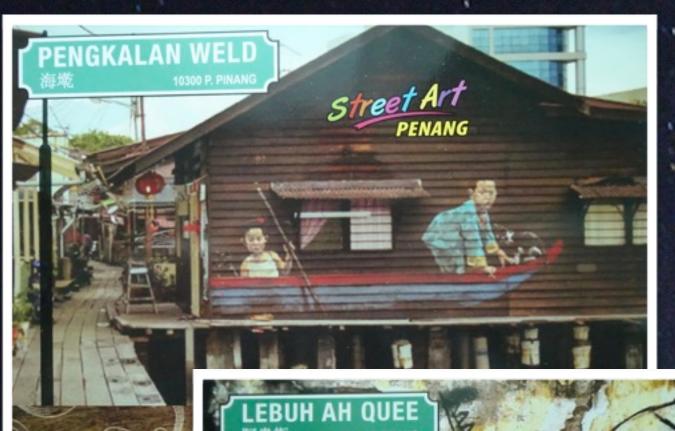
#### The PRIMARY Theme

of the book of Colossians

The PREEMINENCE of the Person of Christ

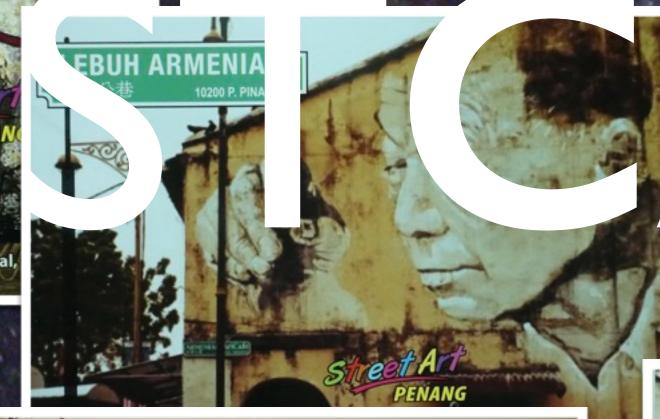
#### Goal of this Series

YOU will have a greater understanding of the PREEMINENCE of the person of Christ and the completeness of the salvation He provides that result to living a Christ-centered life and His mission.



















#### Question

Do you have a long lost friend or relative that you have not contacted or met for a long time ago but still have their address either Penang, Malaysia or Over the sea?

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#### Colossians I:I-I4 ESV

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#### Colossians 1:3-14 ESV

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#### Book of Colossians

## HAVE YOU EVER WONDER.... Who, What, When, Where & Why

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# TO WHO

#### Colossians 4:7-9 ESV

Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

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# WHERE



#### Colossians 1:7-8 ESV

"just as you learned it from **Epaphras** our beloved **fellow servant.** He is **a faithful minister of Christ** on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit."

#### Acts 9:10 ESV

"This continued for two years, so that <u>all</u> the residents of **Asia heard** the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks."

#### Colossians 2:1 ESV

"For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face,..."

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#### TO COMBAT HERESY

- 1. Relapsing into Paganism
- 2. Syncretism
  - Philosophies of men (2:8)
  - Judaistic ceremonialism (2:11; 16-17)
  - Angel worship (2:18)
  - Asceticism (2:20-23)

#### Colossians 2:8 NKJV

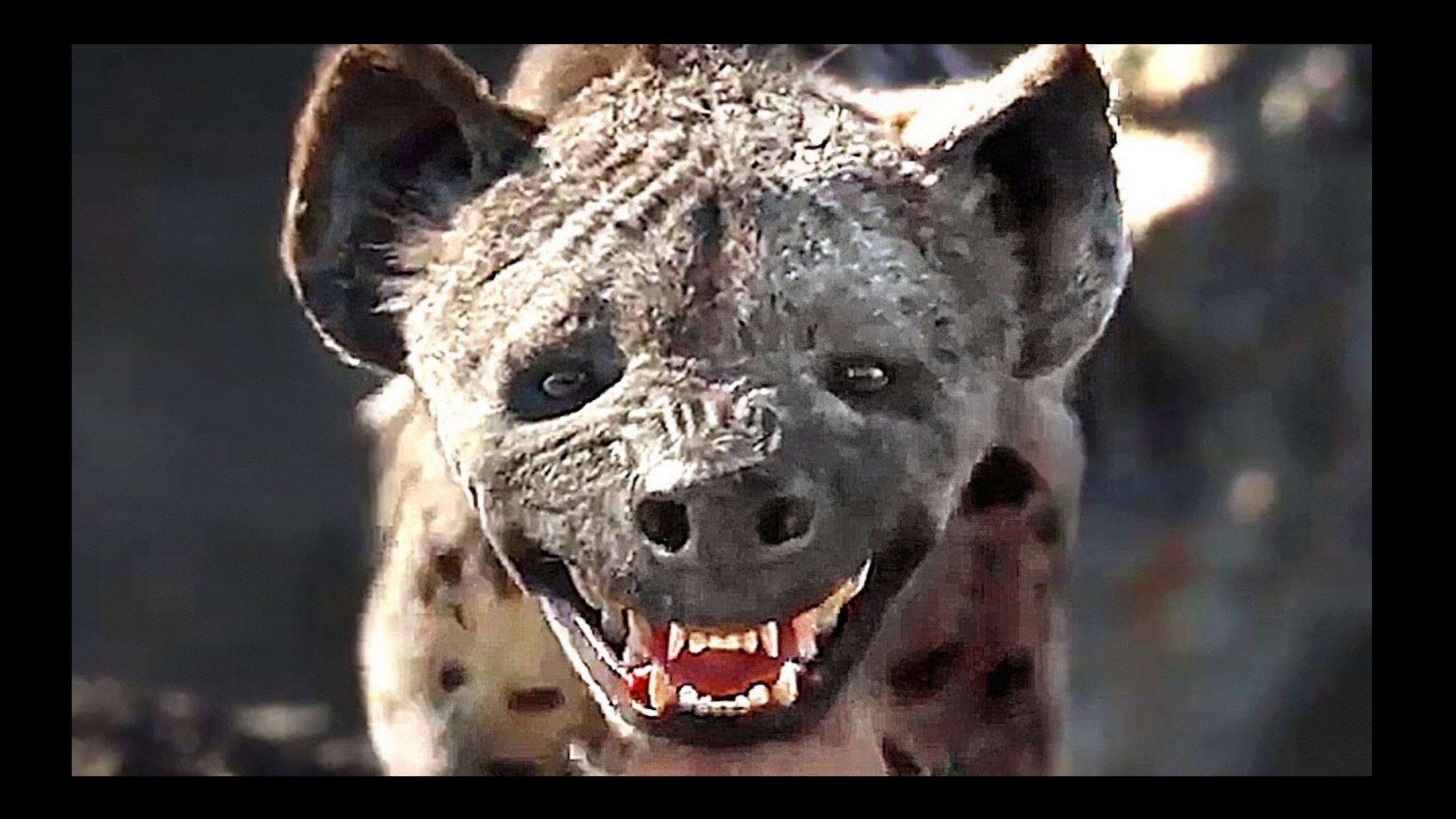
"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ."

#### Colossians 2:16-18 ESV

"Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. "These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. "Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind,…"

#### Acts 20:29 ESV

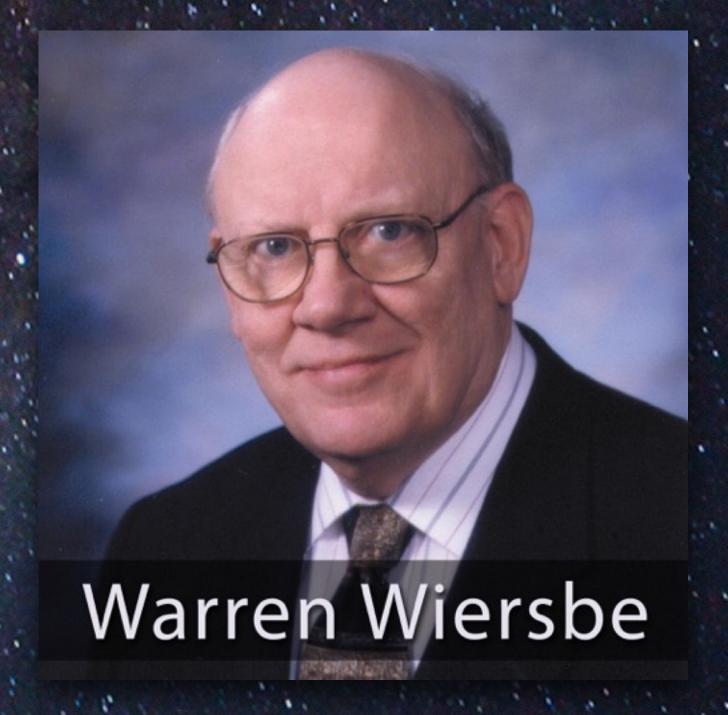
"I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. "Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.



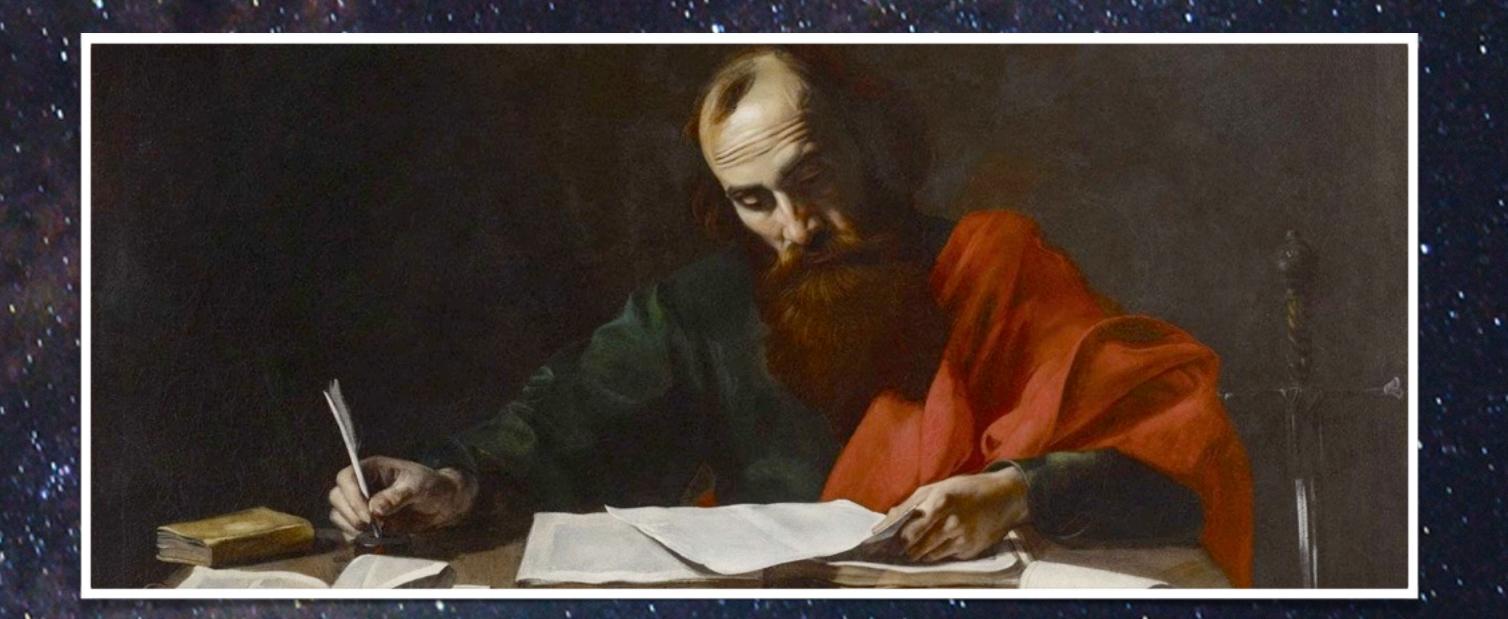


"This is an age of 'syncretism."

People are trying to harmonize and unite many different schools of thought and come up with a superior religion. Our evangelical churches are in danger of diluting the faith in their loving attempt to understand the beliefs of others. Mysticism, legalism, Eastern religions, asceticism, and man-made philosophies are secretly creeping into churches. They are not denying Christ, but they are dethroning Him and robbing Him of His rightful place of preeminence.



Apostle Paul knew the danger of doctrinal error and was deeply concerned for the Colossian believers. After his opening words of praise, he let them know that he was braying for them.



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#### PAUL'S PRAYER...

# FAITH + LOVE + HOPE The Word of Truth, the Gospel Bearing Fruit in the whole World

#### OUR PRAYER...

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#### Colossians 1:9-14 ESV

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

#### Colossians I: II-I4 ESV

"being **strengthened** with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; "**giving thanks**" to the Father, who has qualified you, to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

#### Colossians I:13-14 ESV

"He has **delivered** us from the domain of darkness and **transferred** us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, "in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### Apostle Paul asked God for 2 things on behalf of the Colossians:

## 1) GROWTH IN KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL & 2) WALK WORTHY OF CHRIST

how!

#### OUR PRAYER...

#### A Church that HONOURs GOD

A Christ-Centered Life: A Life worthy of His Calling

Always Pleasing You;

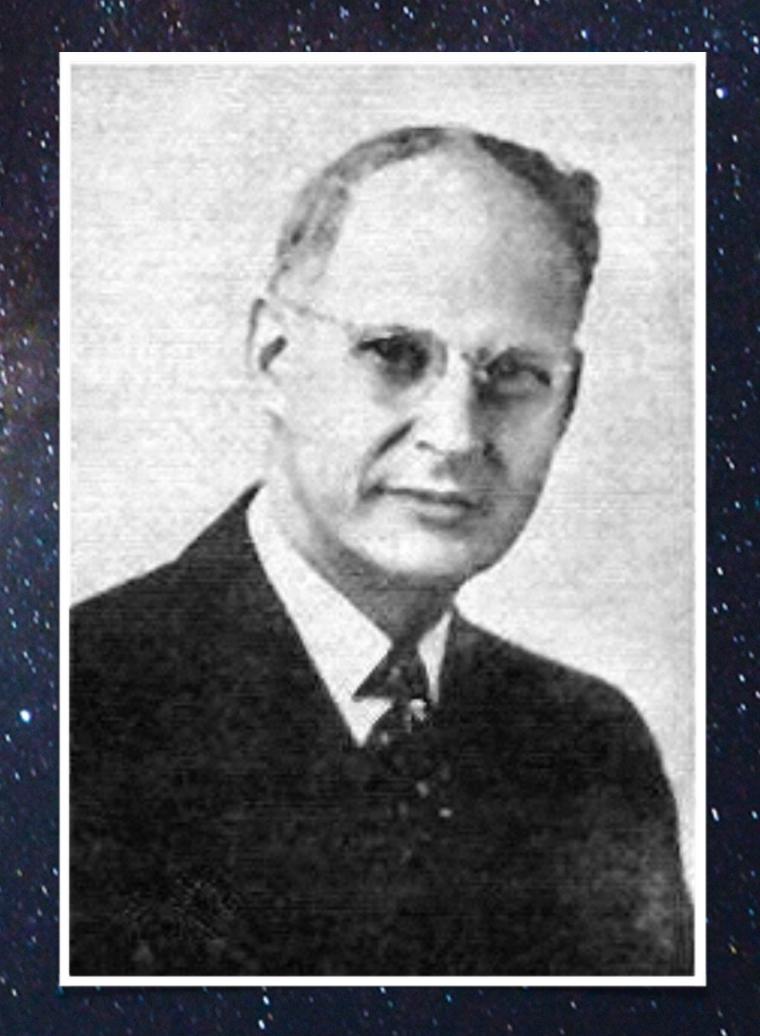
Always Giving Thanks;

Always Bearing Fruit;

And is Only Possible If filled with the power of the knowledge of God with all spiritual wisdom and understanding

#### Dr Walter Wilson

"If you were to give a gift that would be suitable for the whole world, what would you give?"



#### Colossians 1:23 ESV

"...if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister."

#### Romans 10:14-15 ESV

"How then will they **call** on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to **believe** in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to **hear** without someone preaching? "And how are they to **preach** unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"



Part I: Introduction: Prayer

Part 2: The Supremacy of Christ;

Part 3: Fullness of Christ;

Part 4: Position in Christ;

Part 5: Living in Christ;

Part 6: Household for Christ;

Part 7: Mission in Christ

