

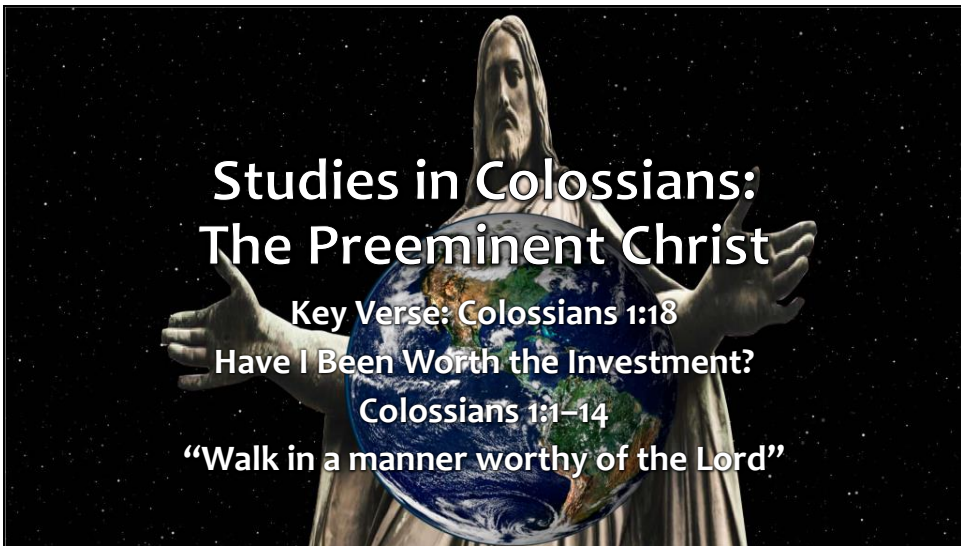
Saving Private Ryan

During WWII, Private James Ryan's three brothers were killed in action within days of one another. Captain Miller and 7 other soldiers were sent to find James and return him home.

In their search for Private Ryan, most of Captain Miller's men were killed.

In an ending scene, Captain Miller has been wounded. He calls Private Ryan close to him and utters his final words:

“Earn It.”



Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Slide 3



Colossians is one of the 4 Prison Epistles along with Ephesians, Philippians, and Philemon (2 Timothy was also written from prison, but that was the Paul's second imprisonment).

Occasion: False teaching about Christ and spirituality.

Slide 4



The Beginning

Colossians 1:3–8

- Do I accept the investment?
- Faith, Love, Hope
- Life-giving Truth
- Bearing Fruit

The Middle

Colossians 1:9–12

- Do I grow the investment?
- What do I need to keep going?
 - Spiritual Wisdom and Understanding
 - A Worthy Walk
- How can I tell if I'm growing the investment?
 - Strength for the Task
 - Thankfulness

The End

Colossians 1:13–14

- Do I recognize the rewards of the investment?
- What do I see when I look back?
 - Secured Investment
- What do I see when I look to the end?
 - Redemption