

# THE SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST PART 1:

# THE SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST'S CROSS

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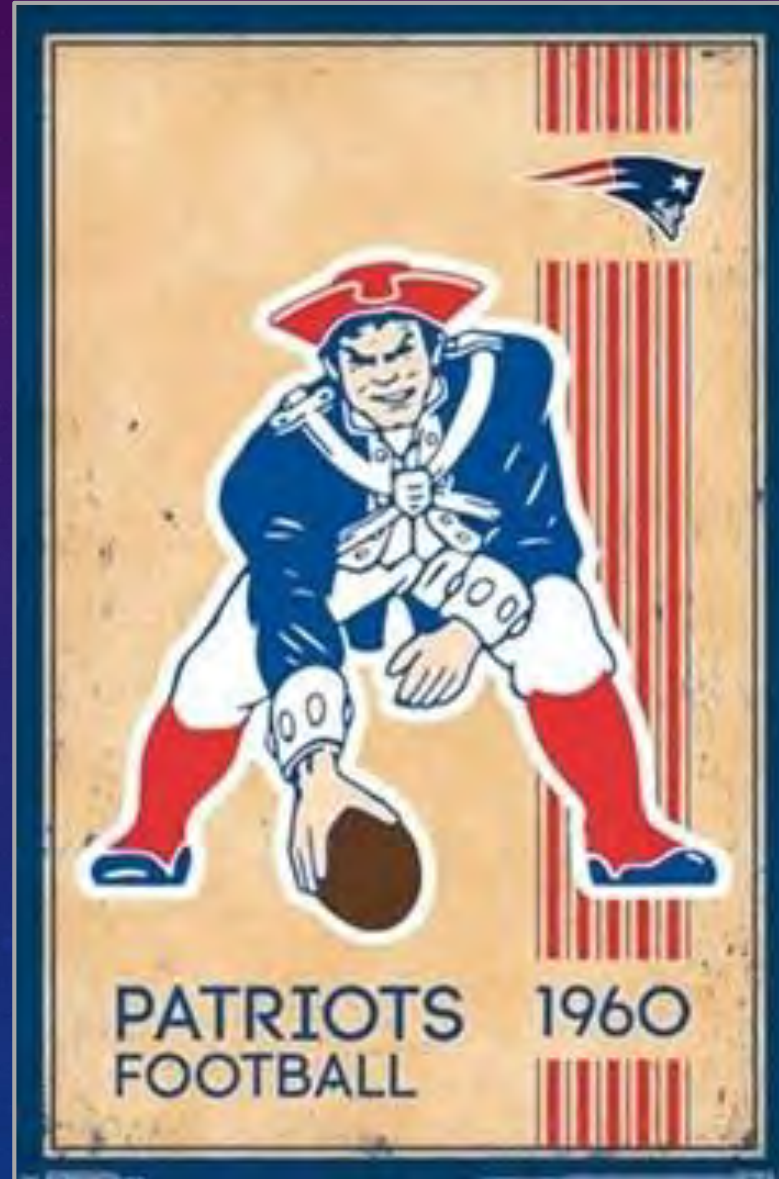
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# OUTLINE

- Session 1. The Sufficiency of Christ's Cross
- Session 2. The Sufficiency of Christ's Salvation
- Session 3. The Sufficiency of Christ's Promise
- Session 4. The Sufficiency of Christ's Presence

# 1961 BOSTON PATRIOTS (AFL)



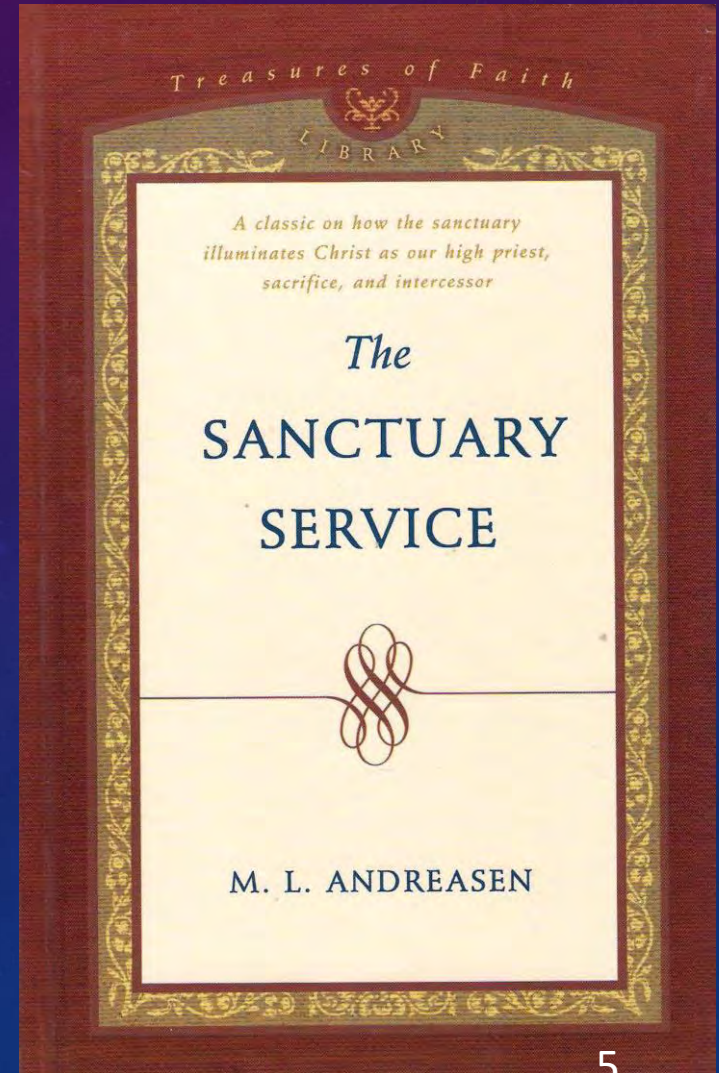
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Does God need fans on the field for the final plays of earth's history in order to win the Great Controversy?

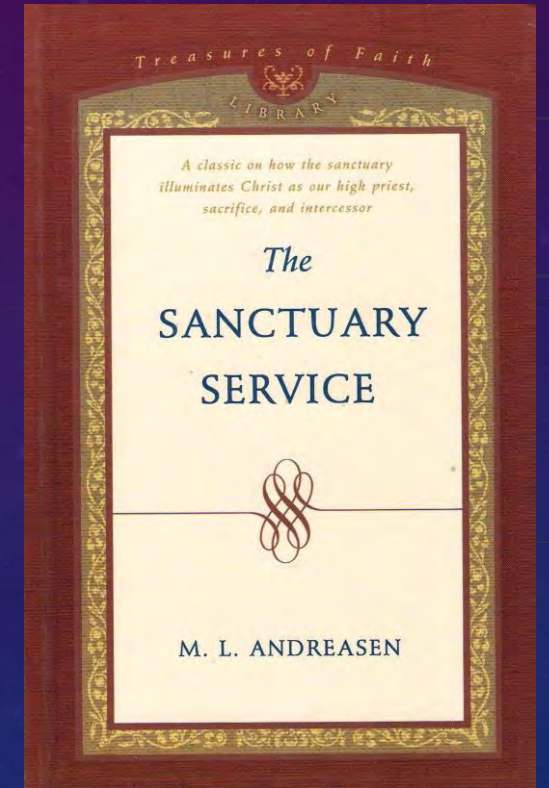
# ADVENTIST HISTORY

- M. L. Andreasen



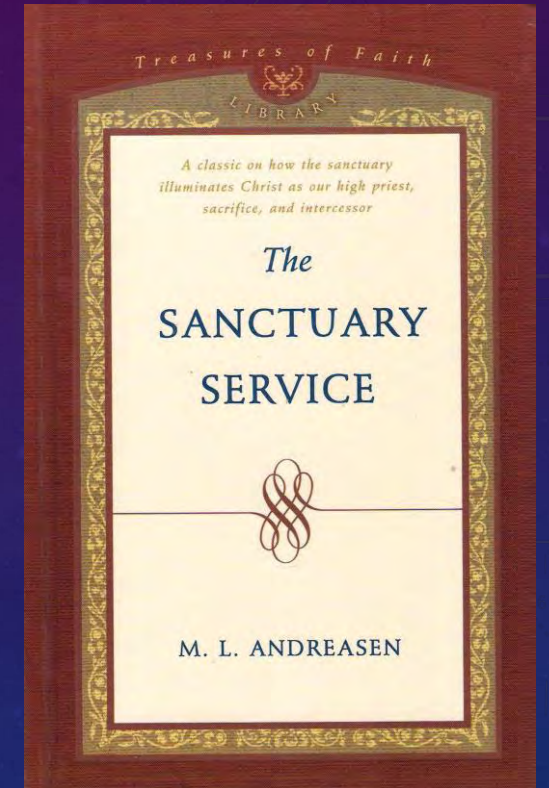
## QUOTES FROM ANDREASEN:

- “**It is in the last generation** of men living on the earth that God's power unto sanctification will stand fully revealed. The demonstration of that power **is God's vindication**. It clears Him of any and all charges which Satan has placed against Him. **In the last generation God is vindicated and Satan defeated.**” (109)
- Notice the timing – “in the last generation”



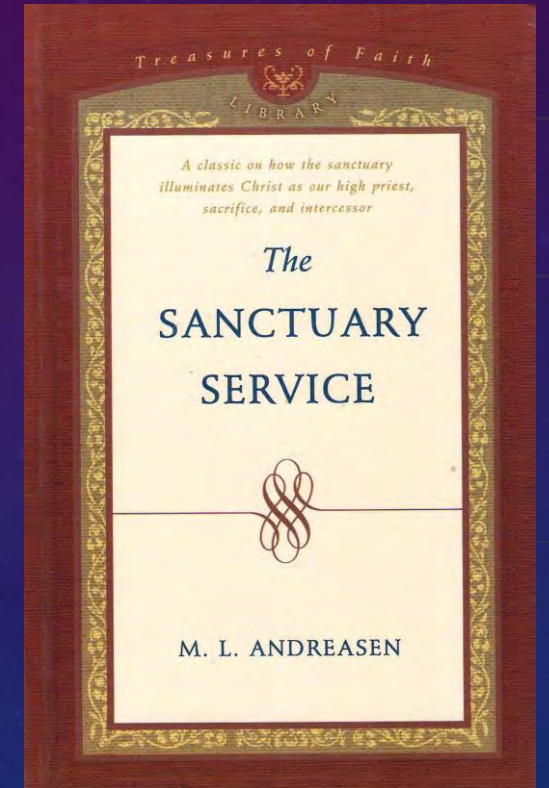
## QUOTES FROM ANDREASEN:

- “As it was, Satan was defeated. . . . [He] knew that when Christ died without his having been able to make Him sin, his own doom was sealed. In his death Christ was the victor. But Satan did not give up. He had failed in his conflict with Christ, **but he might yet succeed** with men. . . . **If he could overcome them he might not be defeated.**” (111)
- Note apparently contrary messages – Satan was defeated but can still win!



## QUOTES FROM ANDREASEN:

- **“In the last generation** God will stand vindicated. In the remnant **Satan will meet his defeat.”** (113)
- **“Through the last generation of saints God stands finally vindicated. Through them He defeats Satan and wins His case.”** (114)





# AFTER-EFFECTS OF ANDREASEN

- 2022 Mailing of materials from an independent ministry:
  - “God needed someone to help Him counter the allegations of Lucifer that His law was restrictive and was preventing the intelligences of the universe from rising to a *‘more exalted, more glorious state of existence.’* See GC p. 499. **Man was created to disprove the claims of Lucifer.”**



# DOES GOD NEED HUMAN HELP? OLD TESTAMENT INSIGHTS



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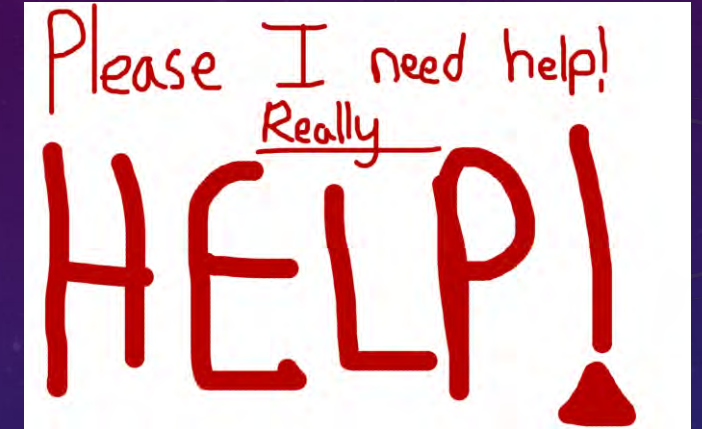
- **Isaiah 59:14-16 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter.

<sup>15</sup> Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice.

<sup>16</sup> He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then **his own arm** brought him salvation, and **his righteousness** upheld him.

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<https://steemit.com/help/@adjs20/who-i-really-am-the-sad-side-of-the-joke-teller>

- **Psalm 98:1-2 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> A Psalm. Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

<sup>2</sup> The Lord has made known **his** salvation; **he has revealed his righteousness** in the sight of the nations.

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- **Psalm 50:9-12 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.

<sup>10</sup> For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

<sup>11</sup> I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.

<sup>12</sup> "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

πλήρωμα

# PLĒROMA/FULLNESS AND CHRIST

- **John 1:1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 1:14 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

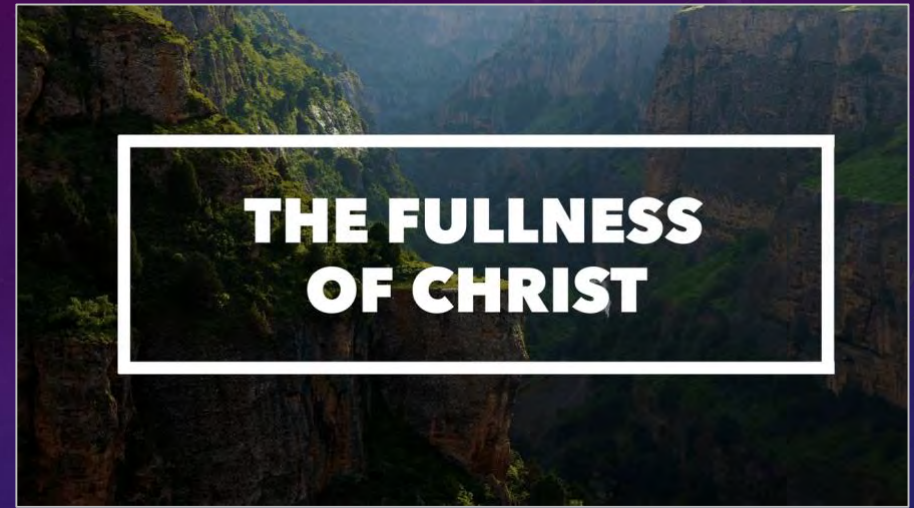
**John 1:16 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> And from **his fullness [plēroma (πλήρωμα)]** we have all received, grace upon grace.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_1:16](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_1:16)

# EPHESIANS 1



<https://www.krissinclair.com/the-fullness-of-christ/>

- **Ephesians 1:18-23 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

<sup>19</sup> and what is the **immeasurable greatness of his power** toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might



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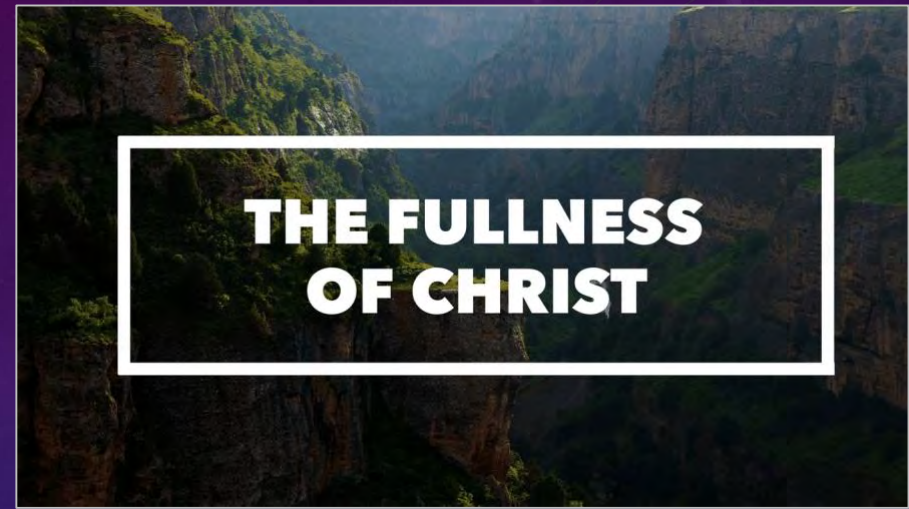
- Ephesians 1:18-23 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and **seated him** at his right hand in the heavenly places,

<sup>21</sup> **far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.**

<sup>22</sup> And he put **all things under his feet** and gave him as **head over all things** to the church,

<sup>23</sup> which is his body, **the fullness** [*plēroma* (πλήρωμα)] of him who fills [*plēroō* (πληρώω)] all in all.



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# EPHESIANS 3

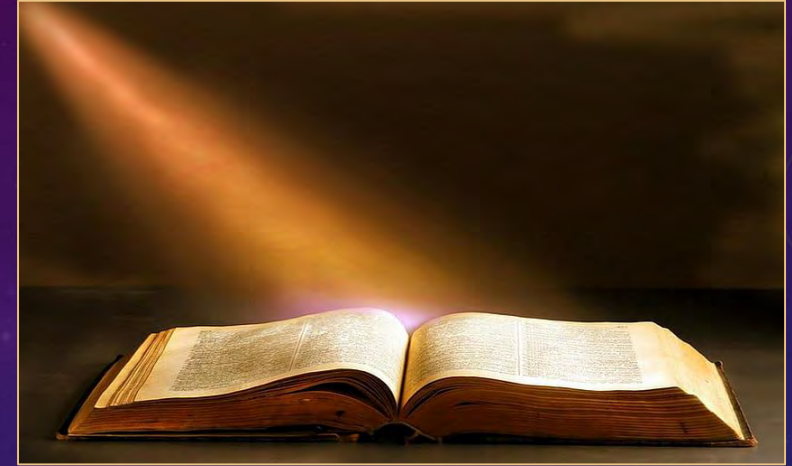


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- Part 2:
  - **Ephesians 3:17b-19 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> . . . that you, being rooted and grounded in love,  
<sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,  
<sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may **be filled** [verb form: *plēroō* (πληρόω)] **with all the fullness** [*plērōma* (πλήρωμα)] **of God.**

# COLOSSIANS 1



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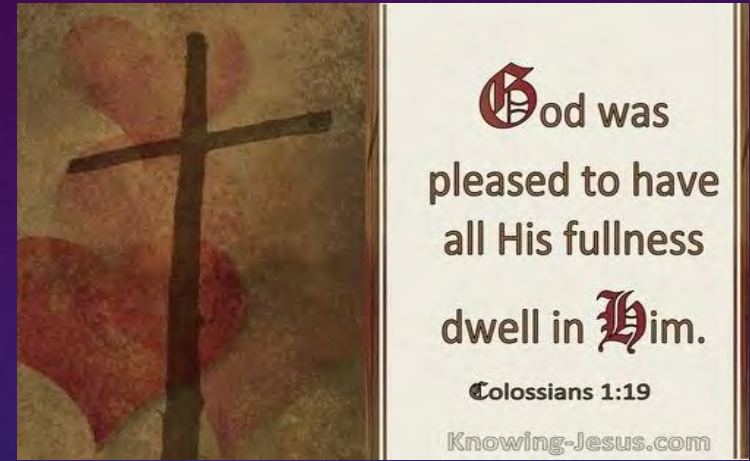
- **Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> He is the **image** of the invisible God, the **firstborn** of all creation.

<sup>16</sup> For by him all things **were created**, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, **whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities**—all things were created through him and for him.

<sup>17</sup> And he **is before** all things, and in him all things **hold together**.

# COLOSSIANS 1



<https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Fulness>

- <sup>18</sup> 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.**
- <sup>19</sup> For in him **all the fullness [plēroma (πλήρωμα)] of God was pleased to dwell,**
- <sup>20</sup> and through him **to reconcile to himself all things,** whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of **his cross.**

# COLOSSIANS 2



<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-bible-verse/bible-verses-that-undeniably-describe-the-trinity-bible-study-minute-december-18-2017.html>

- **Colossians 2:9 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> For in him the **whole fullness** [*plēroma* (πλήρωμα)] **of deity** dwells bodily,

# COLOSSIANS 2

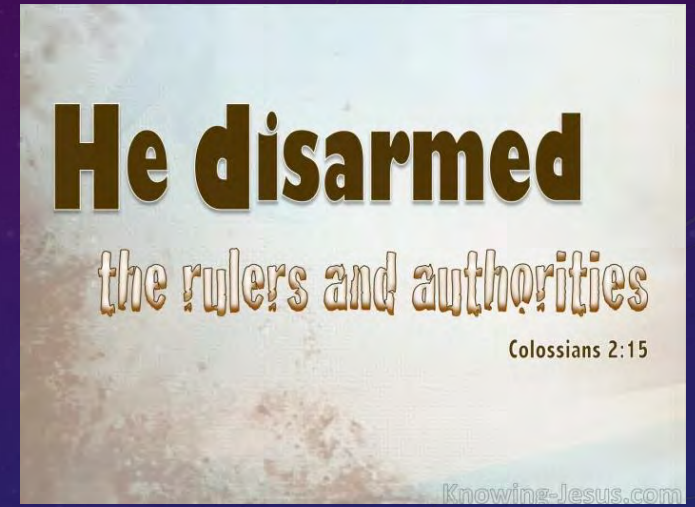
- **Colossians 2:10 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> and you have been **filled** [perfect tense] in him, who is the **head of ALL rule and authority.**



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# COLOSSIANS 2



<https://dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com/colossians-2-15>

- **Colossians 2:15 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> **He disarmed\*** the rulers and authorities and **put them to open shame**, by **triumphing over them** in him/it.\*\*

# JESUS' STATEMENTS

- **John 12:31-32 (ESV)**

<sup>31</sup> **Now** is the judgment of this world; **now will the ruler of this world be cast out.**

<sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."



<https://images.knowing-jesus.com/w/400/71%20Made%20by%20Steve/John%2012-31%20Prince%20of%20this%20world%20driven%20out.jpg>



# JESUS' STATEMENTS



<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/bible/luke-10-18-meaning-satan-fall-like-lightning-from-heaven.html>

- **Luke 10:18 (ESV)**  
18 And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."
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# 1 PETER 3



<http://remembrancecc.org/sermon-audio>

- **1 Peter 3:18-20 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but **made alive** in the spirit,

<sup>19</sup> **in which he went and proclaimed** to the spirits in prison,

<sup>20</sup> because they formerly **did not obey**, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

# 1 PETER 3



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- **1 Peter 3:21-22 (ESV)**

<sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the **resurrection of Jesus Christ,**

<sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, **with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.**

# DIVINE JUDGMENT

<https://smoodock45.wordpress.com/2016/01/07/divine-judgment-and-the-canaanites/>

## HEBREWS 12



- **Hebrews 12:27-29 (ESV)**

<sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

<sup>28</sup> Therefore let us be grateful for **receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken**, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

<sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire.

# ROMANS 8



<https://media.sharefaith.com/assets/nothing-can-separate-powerpoint-232978/>

- **Romans 8:38-39 (ESV)**

<sup>38</sup> For I **am sure [Greek = persuaded, certain]** that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

<sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, **nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God** in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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# KEY TAKEAWAYS



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- John and Paul present God and Christ as possessing infinite fullness and abundance from which we get Grace and Salvation
- Paul and Peter present Christ as defeating ALL the powers of evil through the Cross!
- All the evil powers in heaven and earth have been definitively defeated by Christ
- NONE of these powers can separate us from the love of Christ!



# KEY TAKEAWAYS



<https://blog.axway.com/learning-center/software-development/api-development/key-takeaways-iphone-11>

- Ephesians depicts Christ as having reconciled all in the cosmos through the Cross
- God does not need your help in resolving the Great Controversy in the Universe.
- Christ already accomplished that through the Cross!!
- **Christ's work on the Cross is FULLY SUFFICIENT to reconcile the universe without your help!**

# KEY TAKEAWAYS



<https://www.onetoonecf.com/buying-a-company-at-30-years-old/>

- The only unfinished business is on the earth
  - We are witnesses for God in earth, but God's power is what will ultimately settle the issues on earth
  - 2 Peter 3:9 – God has delayed fully ending the conflict on earth since he is trying to bring as many to repentance as possible
- We get the privilege of bearing witness of Christ's victory and Satan's sure defeat to the world, but the sufficiency is from Christ, not us.



# ELLEN WHITE SUPPLEMENT

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<https://www.ricefamilylaw.com/2012/02/09/alienation-of-affection-criminal-conversation-2/>

- From *Desire of Ages* – Chapter “It is finished”
- Having just quoted Rev 12:10 (now salvation come, accuser cast down)
- **Satan saw that his disguise was torn away.** His administration was laid open before the unfallen angels and before the heavenly universe. He had revealed himself as a murderer. **By shedding the blood of the Son of God, he had uprooted himself from the sympathies of the heavenly beings.** Henceforth his work was restricted. Whatever attitude he might assume, he could no longer await the angels as they came from the heavenly courts, and before them accuse Christ's brethren of being clothed with the garments of blackness and the defilement of sin. **The last link of sympathy between Satan and the heavenly world was broken.** {DA 761.2}

# ELLEN WHITE SUPPLEMENT



<https://www.charlottedivorcelawyerblog.com/north-carolina-court-allows-alienation-affection-case-move-forward/>

- In carrying out his enmity to Christ until He hung upon **the cross** of Calvary, with wounded, bruised body and broken heart, **Satan completely uprooted himself from the affections of the universe.** {1SM 342.1}

## ELLEN WHITE SUPPLEMENT

- But the plan of redemption had a yet **broader and deeper purpose than the salvation of man**. It was **not for this alone that Christ** came to the earth; it was not merely that the inhabitants of this little world might regard the law of God as it should be regarded; **but it was to vindicate the character of God before the universe. To this result** of His great sacrifice--its influence upon the intelligences of other worlds, as well as upon man--**the Saviour looked forward when just before His crucifixion He said: "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all unto Me."** John 12:31, 32. **The act of Christ in dying for the salvation of man** would not only make heaven accessible to men, **but before all the universe it would justify God and His Son** in their dealing with the rebellion of Satan. . . . {PP 68-69}

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- It was the **marvel of all the universe** that Christ should humble Himself to save fallen man. . . . **They watched** the battle between light and darkness as it waxed stronger. And as Christ in His expiring agony upon the cross cried out, "**It is finished**" (John 19:30), **a shout of triumph rang through every world and through heaven itself. The great contest** that had been so long in progress in this world **was NOW decided**, and **Christ was conqueror. His death had answered the question** whether the Father and the Son had sufficient love for man to exercise self-denial and a spirit of sacrifice. . . . (PP 69-70)

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- **With one voice the loyal universe united in extolling the divine administration. {PP 69.3} . . . When Christ died, the destruction of Satan was made certain. {PP 70.1}**



# KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM EGW



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- **Christ incarnated and lived as a human to vindicate God to the Universe**
- **“Satan completely uprooted himself from the affections of the universe”**
- **“The last link of sympathy between Satan and the heavenly world was broken.”**
- **“When Christ died, the destruction of Satan was made certain.”** <sup>41</sup>



NEXT:

- The Sufficiency of Christ's Salvation!