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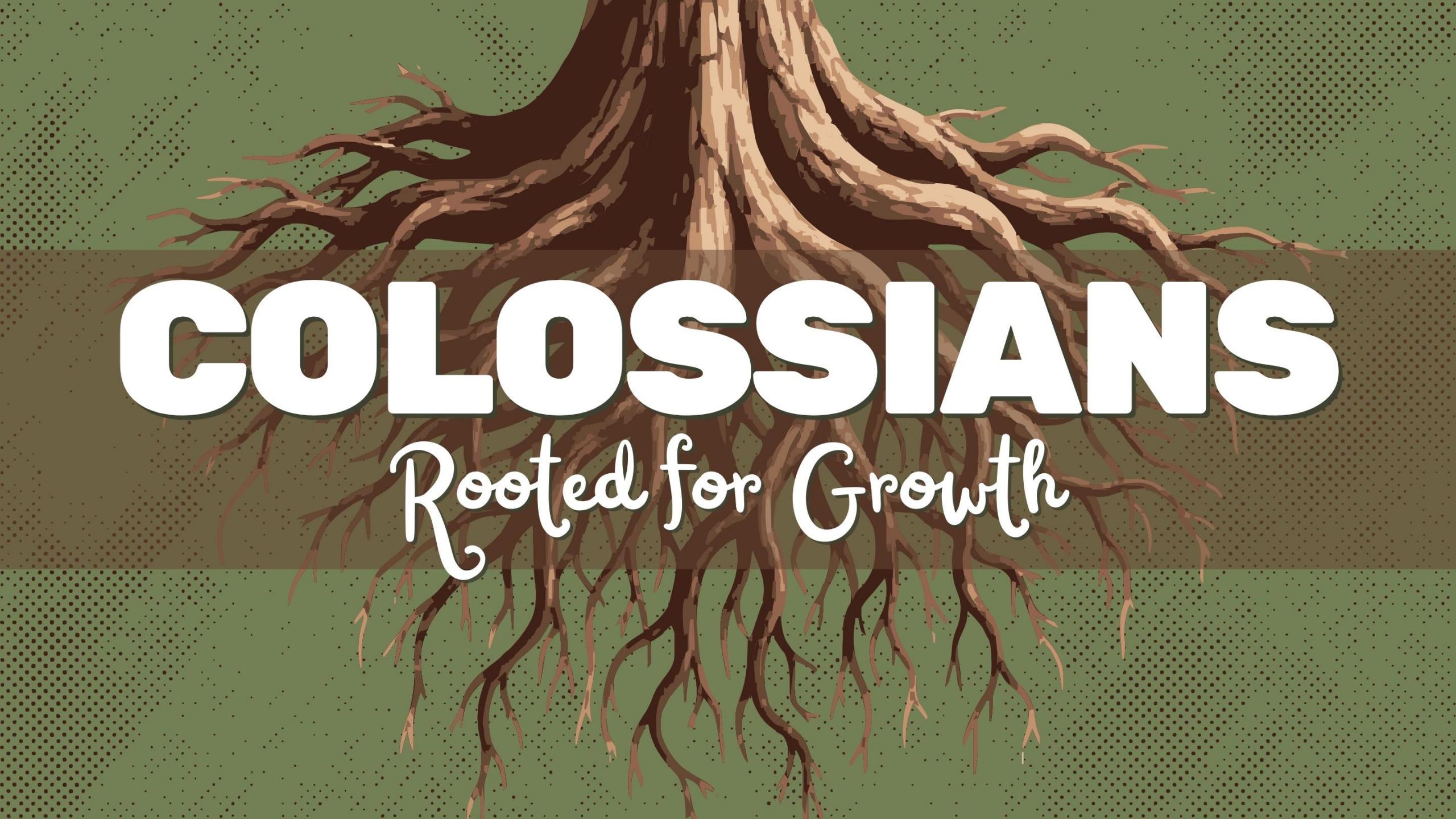
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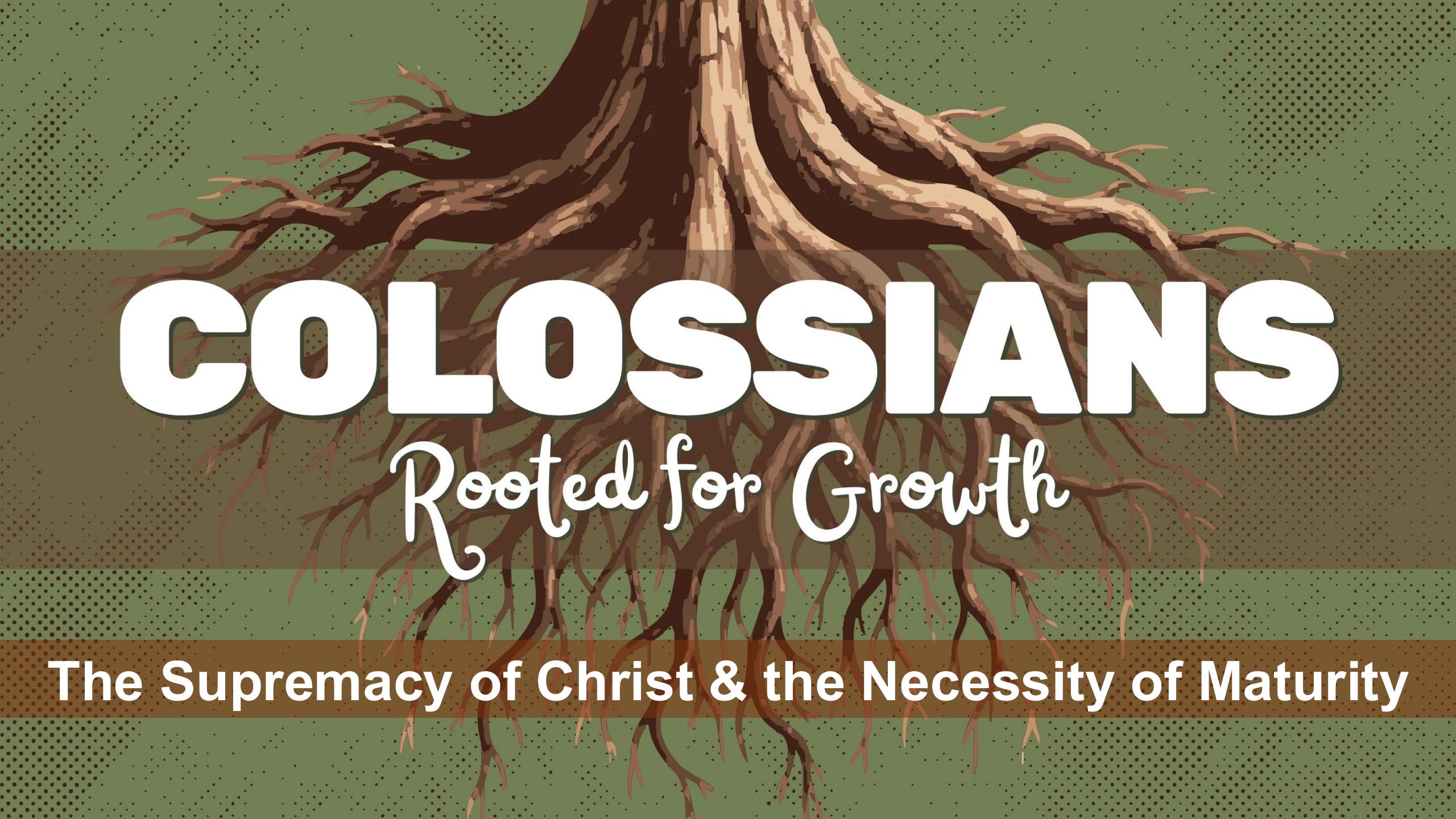
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Subjective Experientialism
Artificial Supernaturalism
Intellectual Elitism
Theological Heresies
Demonic Influences

Greetings

- ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
and Timothy our brother,
- ² to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:
Grace to you and **peace** from God our Father.

Thankfulness

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,
4 since we heard of your **faith in Christ Jesus**
and of the **love that you have for all the saints**,
5 because of the **hope laid up for you in heaven**.

Of **this** you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel,
6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—
as it also does among you,
since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth,
7 just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant.

He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf
8 and has made known to us **your love in the Spirit**.

Prayer

⁹ 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,

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Council of Nicaea

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1. **Christology...the nature of Christ (trinity)**
2. The date of Easter
3. The Militian schism

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Mormons believe that:

Jesus progressed to godhead, as have other spirit children, but He is unique as the first to achieve this, paving the way for others, including humans, to progress to godhead; the highest level of the celestial kingdom, achieving “exultation.”

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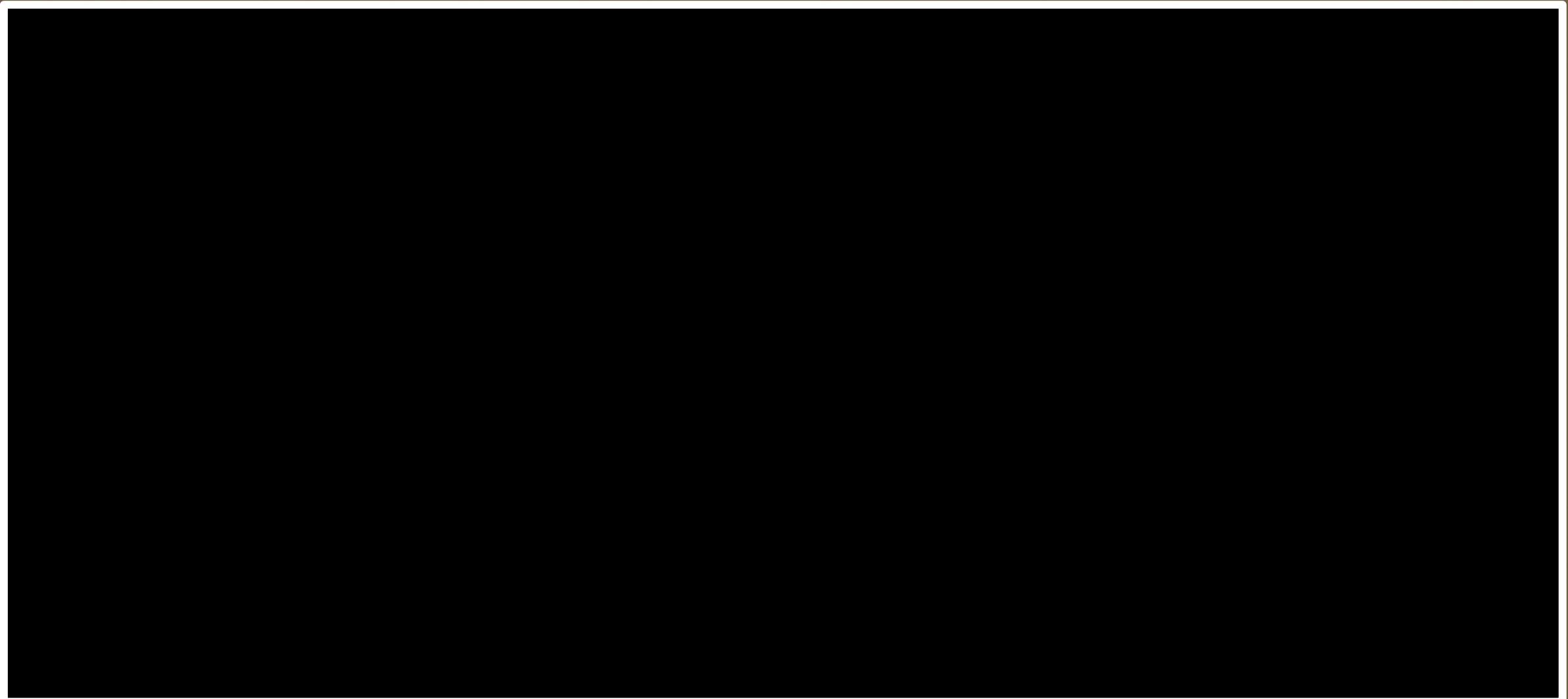
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Think about it and respond

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Think about it and respond with WORSHIP.

Worship

The profound celebration of God in His supreme worth
in such a manner that His worthiness
becomes the norm and inspiration of human living.

-Ralph Martin

Worship

When we set
our mind's attention and our heart's affection
on the Lord
for who He is and what He has done.

Worship

Communion with God and with His people.

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Jesus is worthy of our

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So.....Therefore.....What Now

Galatians 2:20

**I have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave Himself for me.**