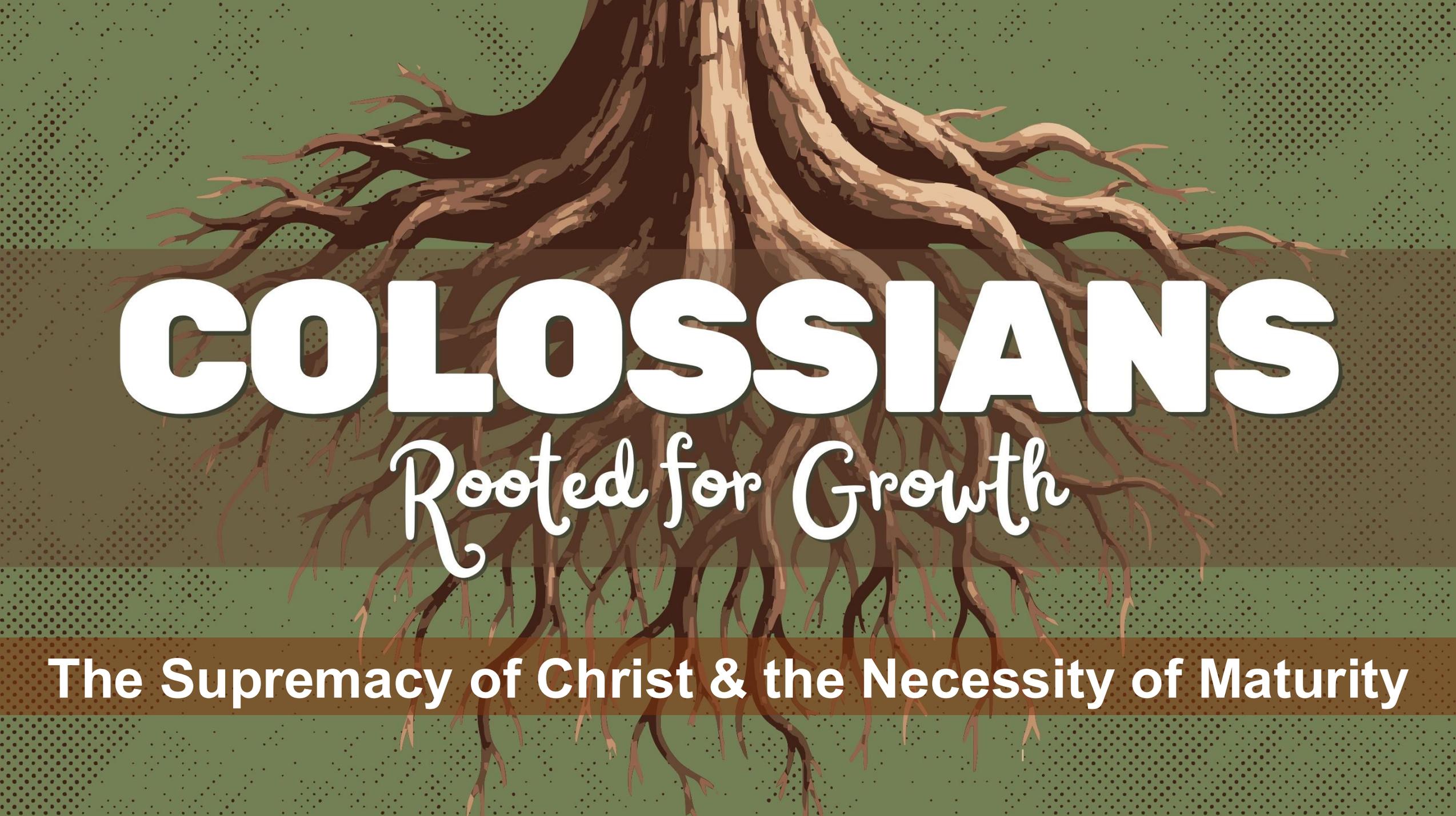


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Syncretistic Dangers in the Church

The Gospel

(orthodox biblical truth)

was / is being
corrupted by a
variety of
elements,
including ...

Jewish Legalism
Subjective Experientialism
Artificial Supernaturalism
Intellectual Elitism
Greek Mysticism
Roman Polytheism

Summary of last weeks passage

Our lives are defined by our relationship with Christ in His birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, eventual return and our eternal glory, which is provided by Him and Him alone.

Therefore, it only makes sense to have our hearts and our heads focus entirely on the things that are eternal rather than temporal.

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then we need to put death certain things
that no longer *‘fit’* us today...

*Things that are destroying our culture
and the church as we
abandon the glory of God and His image:*

**Internally
and
Interpersonally**

Two lists that are
additive,
stack,
and intensify
as they unfold.

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(properly) the physical earth;
(figuratively) the "arena" we live in which
operates in *space and time* which God
uses to prepare us for *eternity*.

The physical earth is the *temporary, probationary place* to live out moral preferences "through the body," i.e. as *free moral agents* (cf. 2 Cor 5:1-10).

In this way, God makes an *eternal record* of everything we do on the earth.

Through faith, each scene of life becomes *equally, eternally significant*.

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Greek: porneia

fornication, sexual immorality

1. prostitution (including adultery, incest, and porn)
2. (by extension) unmarried fulfillment of sexual desire
3. (figuratively) idolatry, fornication, harlotry (including adultery and incest); figuratively, idolatry -- fornication.

It is the root word of the English terms "pornography, pornographic", which is derived from *pernaō*, "to sell off")

– ***properly, the selling off or surrendering of sexual purity; promiscuity of any (every) type.***

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Greek: akatharsia

Meaning: impurity physical or moral uncleanness.

Where porneia refers primarily to any sexual encounter outside of a monogaomous heterosexual marriage, this term refers to the morality of the heart and mind.

This is the place of entertaining the sensual.

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Greek: pathos

Meaning: to suffer;

a passionate energy that lusts, deeply
desires sexual engagement

An inordinate affection, lust...

properly, raw, *strong feelings* (emotions) which
are *not guided by God* (like *consuming lust*).

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Greek: epithumia w/ the adjective kakan (evil)

Meaning: strong sexual desire, impulses for what is forbidden; a longing that drives sexual desire to a place of twisted unnatural sexuality.

It is a manifestation of the sin that dwells in the natural man and which controls him. It reveals his carnality, his separation from God, and his subjection to divine wrath.

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Greek: pleonexia

Meaning: covetous practices,
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to use something or
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Ephesians 4:26

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and give no opportunity to the devil.

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Settled feeling of hatred that demeans another person with little or no remorse.

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James 1:19-20

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

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...a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes with words....that undoes anything that God would desire.

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Greek: aischrologia

Meaning: uncultured, vulgar, vile, filthy, abusive, obscene speech or communication directed at others....

...that has a demeaning, degrading, devaluing, dehumanizing effect.

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Greek: pseudoma

“You used to tell lies to one another as though it was the natural thing to do, don’t do it anymore.”

- Fear of feeling inadequate.
- Fear of being found out for the malice, slander, and obscenity of your lack of honesty.

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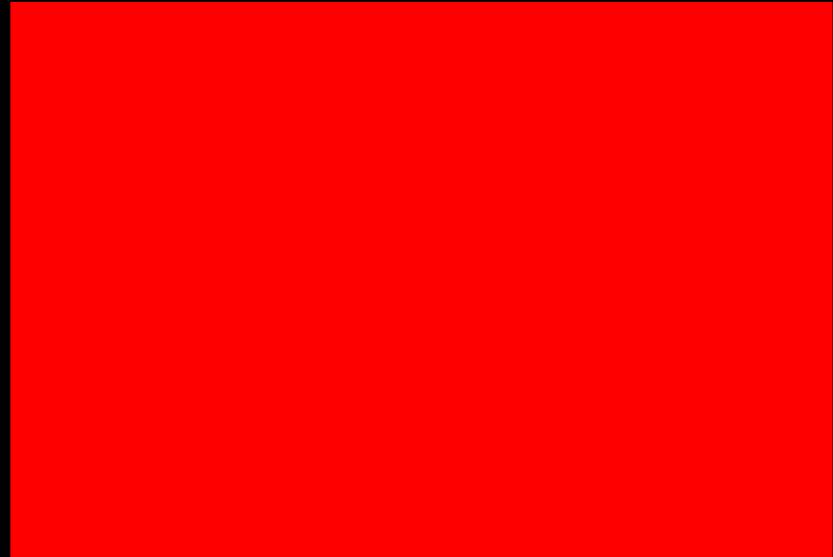
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The corrupt heart leaks out into corrupted relationships, which are poisoned by words and actions that destroy each other.

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seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices
¹⁰ and have put on the new self,
which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

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The work of Christ levels the ground at the base of the cross for each and everyone of us, no matter who we are or what we have done.

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The sexual chaos that swirls around us is destroying God's design, which actually contains the most beautiful plan for our lives.

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The propensity of modern culture is to degrade, alienate, cancel, and demonize others because the tools of reasonable dialogue have been abandoned.

Closing Benediction

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.