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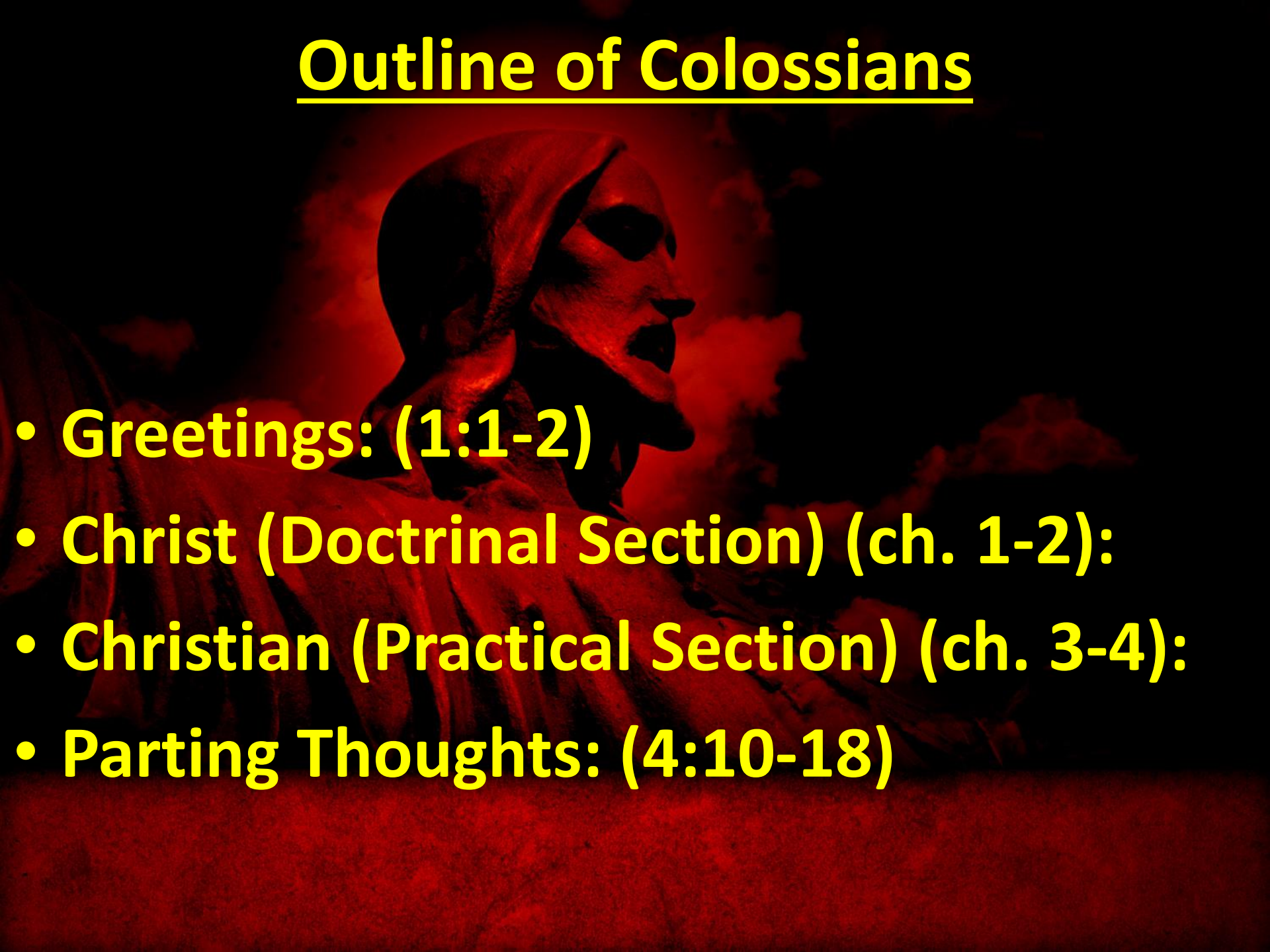


Message of Colossians

*The Savior is
Sufficient
and Supreme*

- **Theme Verses: Colossians 2:9-10**
- **9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, 10 and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;**

Outline of Colossians

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- **Greetings: (1:1-2)**
 - **Christ (Doctrinal Section) (ch. 1-2):**
 - **Christian (Practical Section) (ch. 3-4):**
 - **Parting Thoughts: (4:10-18)**

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- **Tychicus: POINT GUARD**

- Acts 20:4: Native of Asia with Trophimus (beating)
- 2 Timothy 4:12: Sent to Ephesus.
- Titus 3:12: Sent to Crete with Artemas.
- Delivering letter to Colossae

- **Onesimus: POINT GUARD**

- “One of you”: from Colossae
- Slave of Philemon
- Delivering letter to Philemon

POINT GUARDS: Pass letters

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- **Aristarchus: GREAT DEFENSIVE PLAYER**
 - Jewish Christian
 - Acts 19:29: Macedonian from Thessalonica who braved uproar at Ephesus.
 - Acts 20:4: With Paul to Jerusalem.
 - Acts 27:2: With Paul to Rome.
 - May have been prisoner (“my fellow prisoner”)
- **Mark: REBOUNDER (COMEBACK PLAYER)**
 - Jewish Christian
 - Cousin of Barnabas (well known to them)
 - John Mark: Acts 12:12, 25; 13:5, 13; 15:36-41
 - 2 Tim. 4:11; Philem. 24;
- **Jesus/Justus: DEPENDABLE ROLE-PLAYER**
 - Jewish Christian
 - Wants to remind them that some Jews support

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- **Epaphras: SHOOTING GUARD**
 - **“One of you”**: From Colossae (and Asia)
 - Preached at Colossae, Laodoea, Hieropolos
 - May have started some of these congregations.
 - Prisoner with Paul (Philem. 23).
- **Luke: TEAM PHYSICIAN**
 - Physician.
 - Traveled with Paul on 2nd & 3rd journeys, trips to Jerusalem and Rome (“we” in Acts)
 - With Paul in Rome (“only Luke,” 2 Tim 4:11)
- **Demas: DISGRUNTLED PLAYER WHO LEAVES**
 - No commendation.
 - Later deserts Christ and Paul (2 Tim. 4:10).

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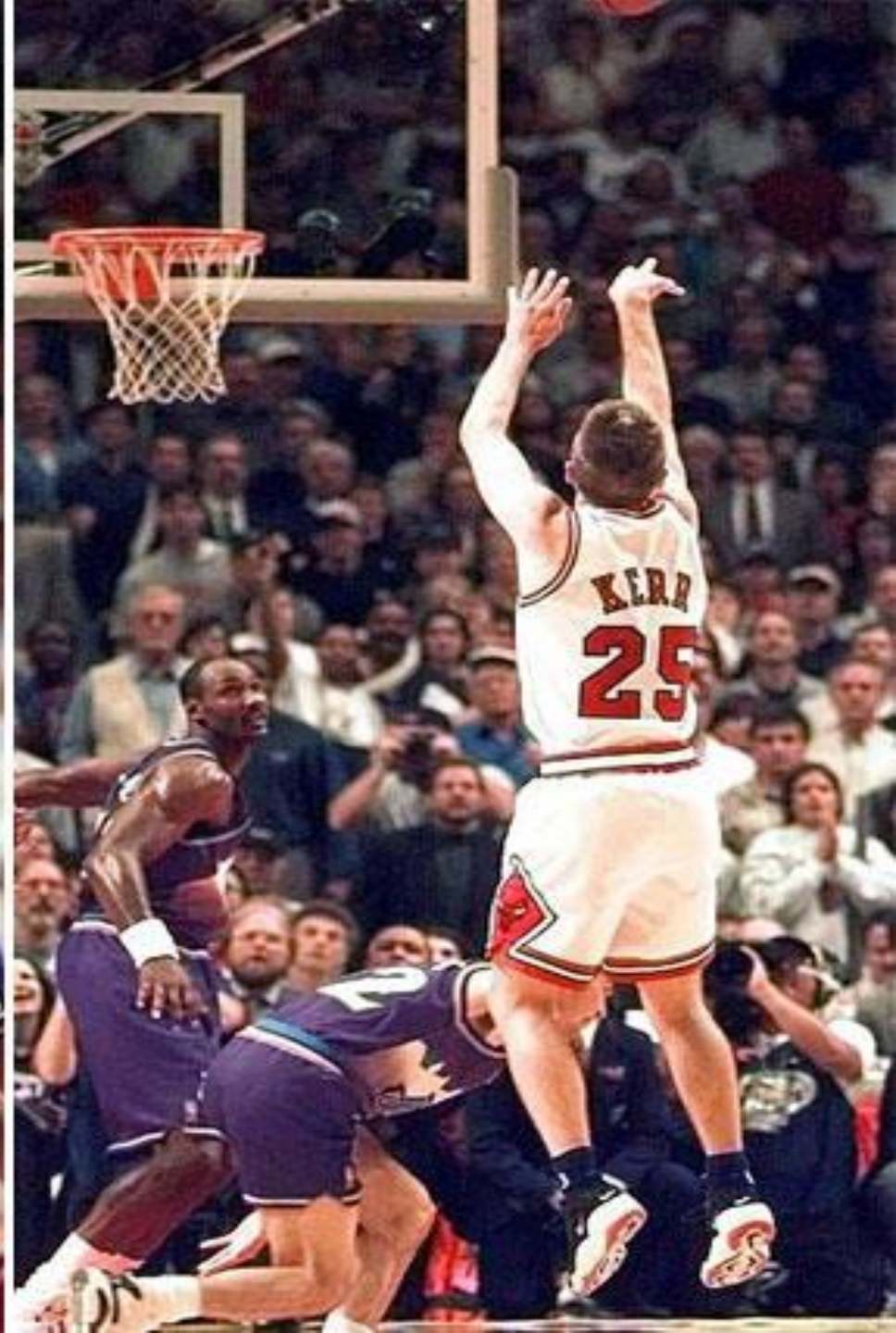
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- **Tychicus:** Gentile from Asia
 - **Onesimus:** Slave of Colossae
 - **Aristarchus:** Thessalonian Jew
 - **Mark:** Jerusalem Jew, restored
 - **Jesus/Justus:** Jewish believer
 - **Epaphras:** Gentile of Colossae
 - **Luke:** Doctor from Philippi?
 - **Demas:** Deserter

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*“Talent wins games, but
teamwork and intelligence
wins championships”*

Michael Jordan



“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.” — Phil Jackson



- *When Michael Jordan began playing in the NBA, he epitomized excellence as an individual contributor. His superhuman feats during his first five seasons with the Chicago Bulls, however, were not enough to make them champions. Not until Phil Jackson became head coach and began to influence the young superstar did the Bulls finally make it to the big game.*
- *Jackson helped Jordan see the need to go beyond being a star and become what Jackson called **a player “who surrenders the me for the we.”** In the context of the Bulls, this meant playing as a team within the triangle offense that Jackson taught, not as an individual. (Michael Lee Stallard – Fox Business)*

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