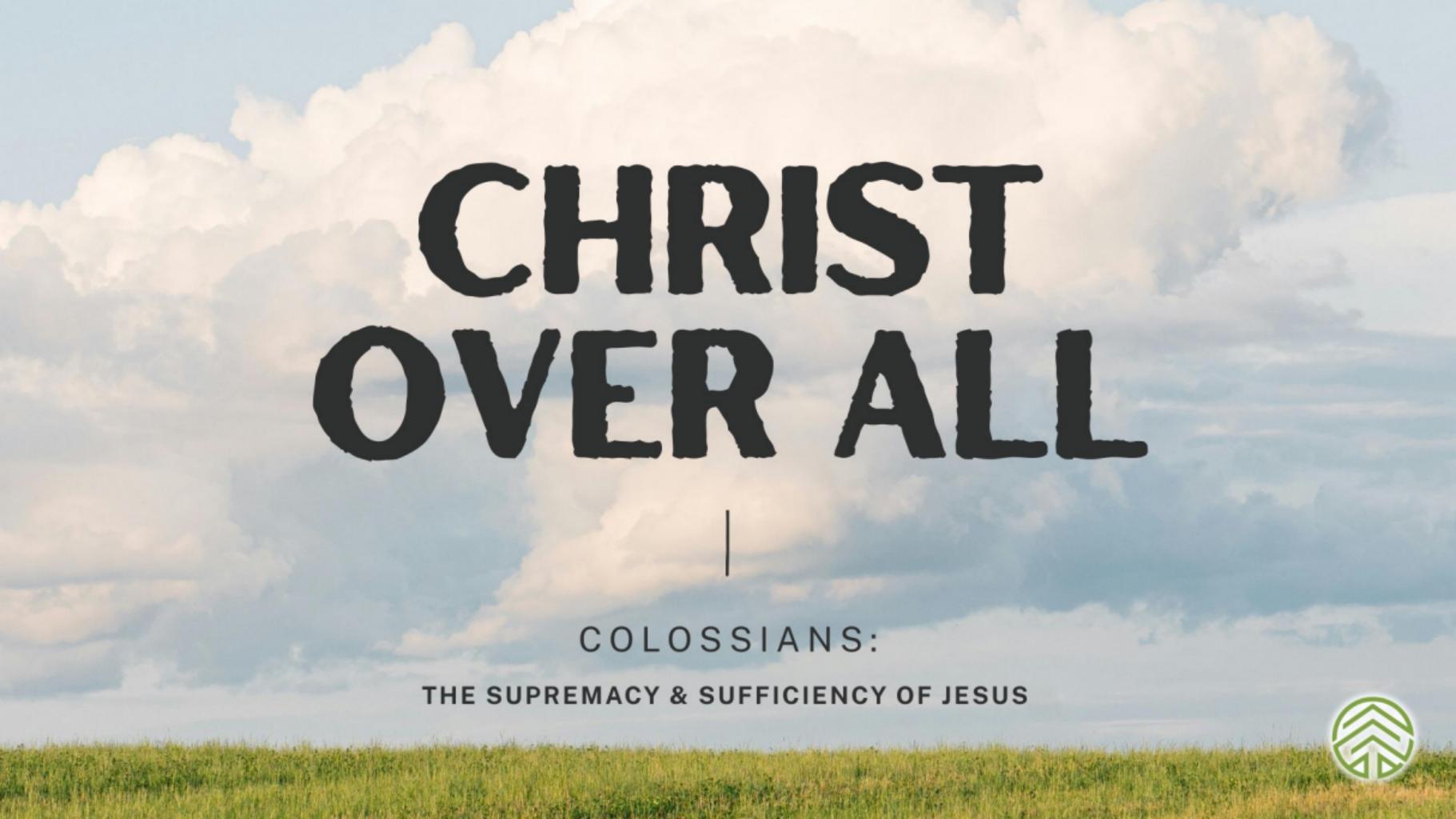


# CHRIST OVER ALL



COLOSSIANS:

THE SUPREMACY & SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS



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**—MARTIN LUTHER**



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1. PUNISHMENT TO PARTICIPATION
2. PERSONAL TO PURPOSEFUL
3. PITIABLE TO POWERFUL
- ④. PERPETUAL TO POIGNANT



## **2 CORINTHIANS 4:17**

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us  
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1. FREEDOM FROM DEBT
2. ROOM TO GROW
3. REACH OUR NEIGHBORS



## **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOALS FOR EACH OF US:**

1. DESIRE
2. DISCIPLINE
3. DELIGHT



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