

# “WORD OF LIFE”

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## IN HIS DEATH

### **20 - Causing the Rulers and Authorities to Be Stripped Off, to Be Made a Display of Openly, and to Be Triumphed Over in the Cross by God**

#### **✚ GOD BREATHED (2 Tim 3:16):**

Col. 2:15 - Stripping off the rulers and the authorities, He made a display of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

#### **✚ THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST (Phil. 3:8):**

- The rulers and authorities spoken of in this verse are the angelic rulers and authorities.
  - After God created the heavens, the earth, and billions of items in the universe, an archangel rebelled and many angels followed him.
  - This archangel became Satan, and his followers became the evil rulers, powers, and authorities in the heavenlies.
- Later, the man created by God fell and became sinful.
- Eventually, Christ, God incarnate, went to the cross to work for the accomplishment of redemption.
  - In His work on the cross Christ caused the rulers and authorities
    - to be stripped off, which can be rendered “putting off”
    - to be made a display of openly, to show in the sense of putting to an open shame
    - and to be triumphed over “in it” the cross, (or “in Him”, in Christ)
  - While Christ was on the cross, many things took place.
    - At that time the cross was the center of the universe.
    - The Savior, sin, Satan, we, and God were all there.
- While God was judging sin, the evil rulers and authorities were present and were very active, swarming around the crucified Christ, pressing in very closely.  
(If they had not pressed in closely, God could not have stripped them off.)

#### **✚ SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE (Act 5:20):**

- ❖ Colossians 2:15 portrays the warfare that took place at the time of Christ’s crucifixion. To triumph implies fighting; it indicates that a war was raging.
  - ✚ In His crucifixion Christ was working to accomplish redemption, and God the Father was working to judge sin.
  - ✚ At the same time the rulers and authorities were busy in the attempt to frustrate the work of God and Christ.
  - ✚ But at that very juncture God stripped them off, triumphed over them, and made a display of them openly, putting them to an open shame.