

**THE  
SUPREMACY  
OF CHRIST**

*An in-depth look at Paul's letter to the*

***Colossians***

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## MESSAGE 1

### **DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?**

Text: Colossians 1: 1-8

As we look at the first few verses of Paul's letter, notice that at least 3 essentials of the faith are mentioned. He begins by reminding us of the following:

I. WE MUST HAVE FAITH IN \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4).

A. Faith is of little value unless Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of that faith.

B. Faith in Christ means \_\_\_\_\_.

II. WE MUST LOVE ALL THE \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4).

A. Love for others is that which makes us \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Love is an \_\_\_\_\_ for victorious Christian living.

B. Love for everyone is the true test of \_\_\_\_\_.

III. WE MUST HAVE HOPE IN \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5).

A. God lays up this \_\_\_\_\_ for us in heaven.

B. This hope comes through the \_\_\_\_\_.

C. This hope \_\_\_\_\_ us closer together.

#### CONCLUSION

The only way to gain spiritual stature is to live out the Christian life to the fullest.

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## MESSAGE 2

### ARE YOU DOING WHAT IT TAKES?

Text: Colossians 1: 9-14

Paul presents several elements to guide us in walking or living in a manner that both pleases the Lord and shows the world that we belong to Him.

I. WE MUST WALK WORTHY OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ (v.10).

A. Our walk must please the Lord in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Our walk must produce \_\_\_\_\_ that glorifies the Lord.

II. WE MUST INCREASE IN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Being fruitful increases our \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

B. The knowledge of God produces \_\_\_\_\_.

III. WE MUST BE PATIENT AND \_\_\_\_\_ -  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v.11).

A. Godly patience is achieved by \_\_\_\_\_ in the strength of His glorious power.

B. It is the power of God that allows us to be confident and joyful in \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. WE MUST HAVE A \_\_\_\_\_ HEART  
(vv.12-14).

A. God has made it possible for us to “\_\_\_\_\_” in the inheritance of the saints. (v.12).

B. He has delivered us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of darkness (v.13a).

## CONCLUSION

Walking worthy involves being like Christ as the Spirit enables us. Are you doing what it takes to walk worthy of Christ today?

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MESSAGE 3

## JESUS, HE'S ALL I NEED

Text: Colossians 1:15-23

Paul cites several examples of the supremacy of Christ our Savior.

I. HE IS THE REVELATION OF \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.15-18).

A. As deity, He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the “firstborn” (v.15).

B. As creator, He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things (v.16).

II. HE IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD (vv.19-23).

As the fullness of God.....

A. He is able to \_\_\_\_\_ man to God (vv.19-20).

B. He is able to bring man into the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (vv.21-22).

B. He is able to \_\_\_\_\_ those who trust in Him (v.23).

## CONCLUSION

Jesus is Lord. He is God. He is supreme. He is all we need.

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Message 4

## HOPE FOR EVERY MAN

Text: Colossians 1:24-29

If salvation through Jesus Christ means anything, it means hope for mankind and for tomorrow. Notice the means by which Paul makes this hope of Jesus Christ known to every man.

- I. NOTICE THE MEANS BY WHICH GOD IS  
\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.24-27).
  - A. God is glorified through Paul's \_\_\_\_\_  
(v.24).
  - B. God is glorified through Paul's \_\_\_\_\_  
(v.25).
  - C. God is glorified through Paul's \_\_\_\_\_  
of the gospel (vv.26-27).
  
- II. NOTICE THE MEANS BY WHICH PAUL  
\_\_\_\_\_ HIS GOAL (vv.28-29).

A. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ every man (v.28a).

B. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ every man to meet Christ  
(v.28c).

## CONCLUSION

If we will be faithful to the task and use whatever means we have to share the hope of Jesus Christ, one day we will see the fruits of our labor. Are you committed to sharing that hope today?

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Message 5

## ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES

Text: Colossians 2:1-10

In the first ten verses of chapter two we see several expressions of Paul's deep affection for the Christians at Colosse and at Laodicea—both of which he encourages to continue in the faith.

- I. HE IS \_\_\_\_\_ TO THEM (vv.1-3).
  - A. Paul cares about their \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1).
  - B. He wants them to be \_\_\_\_\_ and united (v.2a).
  - C. He wants them to come to a full \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (vv. 2b-3).
- II. HE IS \_\_\_\_\_ IN THEM (vv.4-7).
  - A. He rejoices in the \_\_\_\_\_ of their faith (vv.4-5).
  - B. He has the assurance that they will \_\_\_\_\_ on as they began (vv.6-7).
- III. HE IS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THEM (vv.8-10).

- A. He warns them not to be entrapped by those in \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.8-9).
- B. He warns them that to go into error is to loose \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.8b-9).
- C. He assures them that Christ is \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ for their need (v.10).

## CONCLUSIONS

Paul's expressions of commitment, confidence, and concern for these Christians is the same as God's expressions for us.

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## MESSAGE 6

## LIBERTY OR LEGALISM

Text: Colossians 2:11-22

Paul offers several admonitions to those who were being hounded by false teachers.

I. DON'T GIVE UP YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ IN CHRIST (vv.11-15).

A. Christ has done for us what the law \_\_\_\_\_ (v.11).

B. Christ has shared with us the \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.12-13).

C. Christ has freed us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sin (v.14).

II. DO NOT TRADE THE TRUE FAITH FOR \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.16-17).

A. In Christ, we cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ because of something that has been taken away (v.16).

B. Spirituality cannot be measured by \_\_\_\_\_ (v.17).

III. DO NOT BE CHEATED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
ANOTHER (vv.18-19).

A. To follow the self-righteous is to be led into  
\_\_\_\_\_ slavery (v.18).

B. To follow Christ is to be led into spiritual  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v.19).

IV. DO NOT BE BOUND BY \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.20-23).

A. Why should a free man go back into \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.20-21)?

B. Why be concerned with things that cannot  
benefit our \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 22-23)?

## CONCLUSION

Clearly Paul offers the previous admonitions to lead the impressionable Christians in the right direction and toward the enjoyment of their newfound liberty in Christ.

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## Message 7

### THE NEW YOU

Text: Colossians 3:1-1

Paul's point is simple, "Let your new spiritual nature have control." In other words, "If you are a new creation then live like it." How? Paul lays down several principles that the Christian is encouraged to follow.

- I. SEEK WHAT IS \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-4).
  - A. Our desires tell us who we \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1).
  - B. Our mind determines what we \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2).
  - C. Our bond with Christ gives us \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3).
  - D. Our reward is connected to what we have \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4).
  
- II. WALK IN \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 5-8).
  - A. Purity is a \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5).
  - B. Judgment is certain for the \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.6-7).

- C. Purity is possible through \_\_\_\_\_ (v.8).
- III. LIVE AS A NEW \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.9-11).
- A. Don't return to the ways of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v.9).
  - B. Cultivate your \_\_\_\_\_ (v.10).
  - C. The transformed nature changes all \_\_\_\_\_ (v.11).

## CONCLUSION

These basic principles, when applied, can enable us to stay the course that we began when we started out with Christ. You are a new creation! Are you living like a new creation?

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## Message 8

### CHRISTIAN ADORNMENT

Text: Colossians 3:12-17

Paul shares several exhortations for those looking to maintain their Christian character in a bumpy world.

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ AS GOD'S PEOPLE (vv.12-13).
  - A. God's people adorn themselves with the \_\_\_\_\_ of their Father (v.12).
  - B. God's people are \_\_\_\_\_ (v.13).
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ AS GOD'S PEOPLE (vv.14-15).
  - A. When God's people adorn themselves with Love, \_\_\_\_\_ unity is the result (v.14).
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ among God's people is the outgrowth of the love of God (v.15).
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ AS GOD'S PEOPLE (vv.16-17).
  - A. God's people lift up \_\_\_\_\_ (v.16).

B. God's people lift up the name of \_\_\_\_\_  
(v.17).

## CONCLUSION

The exhortations that Paul shared can help us to always be mindful of always letting the world see Jesus in our lives. What are you showing the world today?

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## MESSAGE 9

### MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

Text: Colossians 3:18--4:1

As we begin our examination of this passage it is important to remember that Paul is only dealing with relationships in the Christian realm.

- I. WIVES BE \_\_\_\_\_ (v.18).
  - A. Godly \_\_\_\_\_ is a choice.
  - C. God's plan is for the Christian husband to \_\_\_\_\_ his wife.
  
- II. HUSBANDS BE \_\_\_\_\_ (v.19).
  - A. A husband's first priority is to \_\_\_\_\_ his wife.
  - C. A husband's goal should be to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ at all times.

III. CHILDREN BE \_\_\_\_\_ (v.20).

A. Obedience is God's method of \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Obedience will lead to \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. FATHERS BE \_\_\_\_\_ (v.21).

A. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ more than a child can produce.

B. Unreasonable demands can break the \_\_\_\_\_.

V. SERVANTS BE \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.22-25).

A. Christian character stands out in unjust \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Do what you do for God's \_\_\_\_\_.

VI. MASTERS BE \_\_\_\_\_ (4:1).

A. Position in life gives no one the right to be \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Treat others as your Master in heaven \_\_\_\_\_ you.

## CONCLUSION

Productive Christian relationships are a choice. We must make the choice today to do whatever it takes to please the Lord.

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## MESSAGE 10

### WORDS TO LIVE BY

Text: Colossians 4:2-6

Once again Paul seeks to put the Colossian church, and us, back on the straight and narrow with a few concluding admonition.

- I. CONTINUE IN \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2).
  - A. “\_\_\_\_\_” speaks of the intensity of our prayer.
  - B. “\_\_\_\_\_” speaks of the attitude of our prayer.
  
- II. SEEK GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3).
  - A. God’s ultimate will is to see the furtherance of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The will of God involves more than just what one should do, buy or be.

III. WALK IN \_\_\_\_\_(v.5).

A. Use wisdom when dealing with \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Make the most of your witnessing \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. SPEAK WITH \_\_\_\_\_(v.6).

A. Speak with \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Speak with \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Speak with sound \_\_\_\_\_.

## CONCLUSION

Living our faith just doesn't just happen because we are born again. If a person really wants to experience his/her faith he/she should get involved in it.

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