

ACTS EMPOWERED FOR JESUS'S MISSION

Sunday, June 2, 2024 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 56 | Colossians: The Supremacy of Christ Colossians (Acts 28:30-31)

↓ Jesus is **SUPREME**
and **SUFFICIENT**, (~Chapter 1)

creator & sustainer 1:15-20 | Hebrews 1:2-3, 10; John 1:3, 10; Revelation 4:11

redeem, reconcile, & transform 1:9-13; 21-23; 2:1-3 | Ephesians 1:7; Titus 2:14; 2 Cor. 3:18

↑ so **CLING** to him (~Chapter 2)

walk in Christ 2:6ff | Galatians 5:25; 1 John 2:6; Romans 6:4

hold fast to Christ 2:19ff | Hebrews 10:23; 3:14; 4:14; Revelation 2:25

↑ and **PURSUE** him in all things. (~Chapters 3-4)

put the old to death: *immorality, impurity, idolatry, anger, wrath, slander, malice...*
3:5-11 | Romans 6:6; 8:13; Ephesians 4:22-24; Galatians 5:24

put on the new: *compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, thankfulness...*
3:1-4, 10, 12-17, 23 | 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Peter 2:24; Romans 13:14; Ephesians 2:10; 5:8; Galatians 3:27



PAUL'S LETTER TO THE

Colossians

Each time Paul wraps up his ministry to a church or individual in Acts whom he later writes a letter to, we'll take a week to give an overview of what he wrote to them. **This week we're in Colossians** (a place Paul probably never visited).

Where in Acts? Acts 28:30-31

Why did Paul write them?
Paul probably never visited Colossae, but he writes to them while he is a prisoner in Rome. It would seem that a man from Colossae named Epaphrus (1:7-8; 4:13) came to faith through Paul in Ephesus, which was about 100 miles west of Colossae. After coming to faith in Christ, Epaphrus like goes back to Colossae and plants the church there. Epaphrus is now with Paul in Rome, sharing with Paul their faith and their struggles. Paul writes to encourage them to cling to Christ, who is the creator, sustainer, and redeemer of all things. Jesus is sufficient and preeminent!

Key Verses
1:15-20 – one of the highest and most suscient Christologies in Scripture
2:9-10 – Jesus is God, and our sufficiency
3:1-3 – Set your mind on Christ and live for him

Basic Outline
1: What Christ has done. (Chapters 1-2)
2: What Christians should do. (Chapters 3-4)

Key Topics
• Supremcy of Christ • Christian Conduct • Thankfulness
• Warning Against False Teaching/Philosophies

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Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card, or contact the church office! Most groups break for the summer, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in August!

Food for Thought...

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. In his letter to the church in Colossae, a major focus of Paul's is that they cling to Christ and live out their faith. He tells them speficially in **3:12-13** and following that one way we're to live this out is by bearing with one another and forgiving one another. — To be able to do this, we need to remember we are all broken people in need of God's grace and forgiveness no matter who we are or where we come from. Can you think of any reasons why at times we can feel or think we have less of a need of God's grace than someone else?

2. How do the following verses help us understand who we are and how to show others the same grace and love that we each need?

- **Circle** or **highlight** any words or phrases that catch your attention.
- **Underline** what you think is important to remember.
- **Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." **GENESIS 1:26-27 (NIV)**

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. **ROMANS 3:23 (NIV)**

⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **ROMANS 5:8 (NIV)**
(Food for Thought continues on back panel...)

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OUR OUTCOMES

This is who we hope you grow to *become* at Wawasee Bible...

If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...

- 1 | **Receiving From God.** Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?
- 2 | **Responding To God.** How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?
- 3 | **Receiving From Others.** Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?
- 4 | **Moving Toward Others.** How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)
- 5 | **Going to those Far from God.** How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Colossians 1:15-18 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹⁵ He is the **image** of the **invisible** God, the **firstborn** of all **creation**.

¹⁶ For by him all **things** were **created**, in **heaven** and on **earth**, visible and **invisible**, whether **thrones** or **dominions** or **rulers** or **authorities**—

all **things** were **created** through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all **things**, and in him all **things** hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the **head** of the **body**, the **church**. He is the **beginning**, the **firstborn** from the **dead**, that in **everything** he might be **preeminent**.

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Food for Thought (continued)

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. **EPHESIANS 2:8-9** (NIV)

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. **EPHESIANS 4:29** (NIV)

¹⁸ The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. ¹⁹ Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment. **PROVERBS 12:18-19** (NIV)

• As you look at these verses and this week's teaching are there any new actions or attitudes you want to make sure you clothe yourself with this summer?

3. It's important that we recognize the "old me" and putting on the "new me." While we know that none of us are finished products, there are ways we can see this play out in our walk with Jesus. **Go read through Galatians 5:22-23**, how might each of the fruits of the Spirit look if someone were putting on the "new me" vs. the "old me"?

4. What advice does **Romans 12:19-21** give for how we might respond to challenging people and situations in a loving way?

¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. **ROMANS 12:19-21** (ESV)

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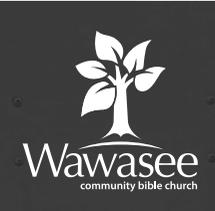
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