

Mindset
“The Supremacy And Sufficiency Of Jesus”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: Understanding who Christ is, and who we are in Him, will empower us to live out our new identity.

“This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy. We are writing to God’s holy people **in the city of Colosse**, who are faithful brothers and sisters **in Christ**. May God our Father **give you grace and peace.**” **Colossians 1:1-2 (NLT2)**

“We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we have heard of your **faith** in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God’s people, which come from your **confident hope** of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the **Good News.**” **Colossians 1:3-5 (NLT2)**

Who Is Jesus?

1. Jesus Is The _____

“He is the **image** of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”
Colossians 1:15 (NASB)

“Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.”

Philippians 2:6-8 (NLT2)

“Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being **could he die**, and only by dying **could he break the power** of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he **set free** all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.”

Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT2)

“For in Christ lives all the **fullness** of God in a human body. So you also are **complete** through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.”

Colossians 2:9-10 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

2. Jesus Is The _____

“For by Him all things were **created**, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created **through Him and for Him**. He is **before** all things, and in Him all things hold together.” **Colossians 1:16-17 (NASB)**

“The Son radiates God’s own **glory** and expresses the very **character of God**, and He **sustains** everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had **cleansed us** from our sins, He sat down in the **place of honor** at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.” **Hebrews 1:3 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

3. Jesus is The Only Way _____

“He is also **head** of the body, the church; and He is the **beginning**, the **firstborn from the dead**, so that He Himself will come to have **first place in everything**.” **Colossians 1:18 (NASB)**

“For it was the *Father’s* good pleasure for all the **fullness to dwell in Him**, and through Him to **reconcile** all things to Himself, having **made peace** through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.” **Colossians 1:19-20 (NASB)**

“But because Jesus lives forever, His **priesthood lasts forever**. Therefore He is able, **once and forever, to save** those who come to God through Him. He lives forever to **intercede** with God on their behalf.” **Hebrews 7:24-25 (NLT2)**

“Set your **mind** on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is **hidden with Christ** in God.” **Colossians 3:2-3 (NASB) Remember Verses**

Notes: _____

- Am I willing to let Jesus have first place in my life?

I will take my next right step by:

- Giving Jesus first place in my life
- Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- Attending Wednesday Family Night
- Following Jesus in Believer’s Baptism Feb. 16

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honors your group's time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

➤ What thoughts from this week's message encourages me to live a life for Jesus?

Icebreaker: What is your favorite competition? What kind of mindset do you need to be successful?

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Read Colossians 1:1-2

What does it mean to be “in Christ” according to verses 1&2?

How can we live “in” San Diego and yet live “in” Jesus?

Read Colossians 1:3-5

How are faith, hope, and love foundational truths in Jesus?

Life Application New Testament Commentary. *Christ Is Supreme / 1:15-23*

In the Colossian church there were several misconceptions about Christ that Paul directly refuted in this section:

- Believing that matter is evil, false teachers argued that God would not have come to earth as a true human being in bodily form. Paul stated that Christ is the image—the exact likeness—of God and is himself God, and yet he died on the cross as a human being.
- They believed that God did not create the world because he would not have created evil. Paul proclaimed that Jesus Christ, who was also God in the flesh, participated in the creation of the universe.
- They said that Christ was not the unique Son of God but rather one of many intermediaries between God and people. Paul explained that Christ existed before anything else and is the firstborn of those resurrected.
- They refused to see Christ as the source of salvation, insisting that people could find God only through special and secret knowledge. In contrast Paul openly proclaimed the way of salvation to be through Christ alone. Paul continued to bring the argument back to Christ.

1:15 Many New Testament scholars believe that this section was based on a hymn written before Paul wrote his letter to the Colossians. If this was a hymn, we can assume that it was known to the church at Colosse and to other Christians. Paul would not have quoted something unknown to them. However, Paul was very capable of writing such poetic lines, as demonstrated in passages such as [Romans 8:37-39](#) and [1 Corinthians 13:4-8](#). These verses are regarded as some of the most important verses in the New Testament establishing the deity of Jesus Christ.

Who Is Jesus?

1. Jesus Is The Visible Image Of The Invisible God

Read Colossians 1:15

What do you learn about Jesus?

Read Philippians 2:6-8

What do you learn about Jesus?

Read John 10:30, 38; 12:45; 14:1-11

Who does Jesus say He is?

Read 1 Timothy 6:16

What do you learn about God the Father?

Life Application New Testament Commentary. Christ **existed before God made anything at all**. Thus he is **supreme over all creation**. He has all the priority and authority of the firstborn prince in a king's household ([Hebrews 1:2](#)). He came from heaven, not from the dust of the earth ([1 Corinthians 15:47](#)), and he is Lord of all ([Romans 9:5](#); [10:12](#); [Revelation 1:5](#); [17:14](#)). Christ is supreme over all creation, including the spirit world. Paul explained in no uncertain terms that the Colossian believers had to focus on the deity of Jesus Christ (that Jesus is God) or their Christian faith would fall prey to false teaching. To put Jesus any lower is to lose the central truth of Christianity.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Why was it important for Jesus to be God and yet human?

Colossians 2:9-10

What do you learn about Jesus?

What do you learn about who you are in Christ?

2. Jesus Is The Supreme Ruler Over Everything

Colossians 1:16-17

What do you learn about Jesus?

How does this verse prove Jesus is God?

How does this answer the question of who we are and why are we here?

3. Jesus Is The Only Way To Have Peace With God

Colossians 1:18-20

What do you learn about Jesus?

What does it look like to give Jesus first place in our lives?

Read Hebrews 7:24-25

What do you learn about Jesus?

Read Colossians 3:2-3

What helps you have an eternal mindset?