

JESUS IS ENOUGH! | The Supremacy of Christ

Colossians 1 centers on the absolute supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus Christ. Paul begins by thanking God for the Colossians' faith, love, and hope, then prays that they would grow in spiritual wisdom and live lives worthy of the Lord. The chapter reaches its climax in the great Christological doxology (1:15-20), declaring that Jesus is the image of God, Creator of all things, sustainer of the universe, head of the Church, and the One through whom all things are reconciled. Let's see what God's Word has to say!

Colossians 1:3-23

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel 6 that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. 7 You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. 9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 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 and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. 21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Ephesians 1:18-23

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the

heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Bible Refs: [Colossians 1](#); [Ephesians 1](#); [Galatians 2:20](#); [James 4:13-15](#); [Luke 9:62](#); [Genesis 19:1-26](#); [Luke 17:32-33](#) [[SPANISH](#)]

Questions for Reflection

1. Did anything catch your attention? What stands out to you? What spoke to you?
2. Share a time when you thought you needed something extra to solve a problem, only to discover what you already had was enough.
3. What qualities does Paul celebrate in the Colossian believers? Where do their faith and love originate according to verse 5? What evidence showed that the Gospel was taking root among them? Which is strongest in your life right now: faith, love, or hope? Why? How is the gospel currently bearing fruit in your life?
4. What specifically does Paul pray for the believers? What are the results of being filled with the knowledge of God's will? What has God done for believers according to verses 13-14? Which aspect of Paul's prayer do you most need right now? Wisdom? Strength? Endurance? Fruitfulness? Gratitude? Do you tend to pray more for changed circumstances or changed character? Why?
5. What titles and descriptions of Jesus stand out to you? Why do people often look for "Christ plus something else" to feel secure or fulfilled? What are modern-day examples of "Christianity plus"? What things compete with first place? What would it look like for Christ to have supremacy in your life this week? How does knowing all of this help you continue and remain firm in your faith?
6. What insight did you gain from this lesson? Identify a few takeaways from this lesson.

A Few Takeaways

- Christ is supreme over everything.
- Christianity is not "Christ plus."
- Jesus Christ alone is sufficient. Everything we need for salvation, growth, wisdom, and life is found in Jesus.
- Continue in your faith. Remain established and firm. Refuse to drift from the hope of the Gospel. God's purpose is not simply conversion but maturity.

In Closing: Everything you need is in Jesus! Because Christ is supreme, no other power rivals Him. All of the fullness of God dwells in Christ. You do not have to look anywhere else to find what you need for life and godliness. Therefore, you can continue in your faith, firmly rooted in Christ, growing in maturity, and living with wholehearted devotion, committed to the Lord in every area of your life. Jesus is enough!