

The **Supremacy** *of* **Christ**

a series from Paul's letter to the Colossians

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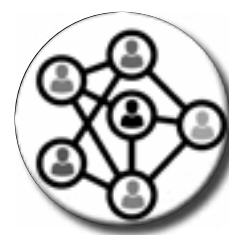
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*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whoever will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Acts 2:1-4, Joel 2:28, and I Corinthians 12:13

When the day of Pentecost arrived,
they were all together in one place.
And suddenly there came from heaven
a sound like a mighty rushing wind,
and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them. And
they were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak to each other in tongues
as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The gift of the Spirit had been promised
long before through the prophet Joel:

**And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.**

The gift of the Spirit makes us one body,
the body of the LORD Jesus Christ.

**For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body
- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free -
and all were made to drink of one Spirit.**

Hymn: The Solid Rock

words: Edward Mote, 1834; music: William Bradbury, Charlie Hall, Trent Austin and Kendell Combes, 1863

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

When darkness veils his lovely face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every rough and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

His oath his covenant his blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

Chorus

When he shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Chorus

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin

From Colossians 3:18-4:1

Triune God, Father, Son and Spirit, you are sovereign.
You direct all things for your glory and for our good.
You appoint roles for us to partner with you
in your restoring and healing of all things.
You give us duties in the roles that you
have wisely appointed us.

**We confess that we have not accepted
your sovereign will with joy and hope.**

**We complain of the jurisdiction
that you have appointed us.**

We resent those who are authorities over us.

**We struggle to partner with those
who are equals to us.**

We do not serve those who we are called to lead.

**As wives we struggle to submit to our husbands
as is fitting in the Lord.**

**As husbands we fail to love our wives
as Christ loved the church.**

Instead we are harsh with them.

**As children we do not obey our parents in
everything to please the Lord Jesus.**

As fathers we provoke and discourage our children.

As employees we do not work wholeheartedly with sincerity of heart fearing the Lord.

As employers we have been unjust and unkind towards those who work for us.

Silent prayer

Receiving of Grace

From Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Christ, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Hymn: O Breath of Life

E.A. "Bessie" Porter Head, Trevor Hodge, 2009, CCLI#5439290

O breath of life come sweeping through us
Revive your church with life and power
O breath of life come cleanse renew us
And fit your church to meet this hour

chorus

O breath of love come breathe within
Renewing thought and will and heart
Come love of Christ afresh to win
Revive your church in every part

O wind of God come bend us break us
Till humbly we confess our need
Then in your tenderness remake us
Revive restore for this we plead

chorus

Revive us Lord, is zeal abating
While harvest fields are vast and ripe
Revive us Lord, the world is waiting
Equip your church to spread the light

chorus

Hymn: Breath of Heaven

Dave Irish, UBP

Breath of heaven, holy fire, Promise of the Son
Purify my heart's desire in your mercy come

chorus



Spirit of love speak to me in your holiness
Come fill my life, mighty wind
Spirit of love, in your care my soul finds rest
Come fill my life, Breath of Heaven

Breath of heaven, holy fire fall afresh on me
Purify my desire in your mercy lead

chorus

Offering

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- Write a check and mail it to PO Box 1482, Woodinville, WA 98072
- Go to redeemerredmond.org and click [Online Giving](#)
- Install our mobile app:  

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:18-4:1

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as

people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

4 Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Second Helvetic Confession states: "preaching of the Word of God is the Word of God." Through God's Word preached, God your Father speaks by his Spirit to his sons and daughters.

The Supremacy of Christ in Christian Roles

Rev. Jason Dorsey

↳ The great Christian virtue **Agape/Love** "And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (3:14) is fulfilled by doing your duty in your God-appointed roles

DUTY

{ Are you kidding me?
I'm not in the military! I'm Free
Hierarchical Structures/Great Chain of Being so Medieval

Duty = death of passions, Love

Rev. John Piper Illustration

➡ Argue that doing your duty is how you love!

Please consider...

① The inescapable link between love + duty

📖 Biblical Link

☑️ **Text 3:12-4:1** the command to love is connected to the "household rules" in Christian ethic

☑️ **Scripture** 📖 Commands to love our neighbor as ourself is carried out in specific commands **Second Table of Law**

OK but that is the Bible, and I don't believe the Bible. Why do you say that love is inescapably linked to doing one's duty?

1. We intuitively know that "duty" is tied to love

☑️ Husband who says "I love you" to his wife but who regularly cheats on her.

☑️ Wife who says "I love you" to her husband but disrespects him + holds him in contempt

☑️ Father who says "I love you" to his son but has no boundaries + constantly provokes

☑️ Employee who says "I love this company" but who steals, is lazy + rebellious

☑️ Employer who says "I love my workers" but is unjust + unfair in his treatment of them

You intuitively know that each person referred to above has duties tied to their roles ▶ **3:18-4:1**

2. Love is needed as a kind of Gardener of our roles, loves, responsibilities **C.S. Lewis**

The Four Loves

② The loving duty of your roles

☰☰ Quick Primer on Roles

1. Roles are Θ -appointed

LORD Θ ► KING JESUS ► is Sovereign
Master in Heaven, WCF on Providence

LORD Θ appoints all things - including
our roles - for his glory + our good.

➡➡➡ Your roles are not an accident! Master's hand

2. Roles have Jurisdiction

Identity Mapping... Equal, Leader, Follower
WCF "equals, inferiors + superiors"

- wives
- husbands
- children
- fathers
- servants
- masters

➡➡➡ Great clarity when + know + embrace your jurisdictions

That Roles are Θ -appointed and that
they have Jurisdictions are COOL "Lit" Jordan

But what comes next is UBER COOL/LIT

3. Roles partner with Jesus Christ the King
in his work of reconciling all things to
himself 1:20 ► Restoration of all things
"It is Mine" Kuyper

See this w. Marriage + Parenting but Slavery?

☰☰ Imbedded in the duty of **bondservant** and **Master** is the inbreaking of a whole new Kingdom, Reign, Set of Values, New Identity, New Family, New Dispositions with huge and revolutionary implications!

"**earthly masters**" ▶ fading, inconsequential world in light of eternity

"**work heartily for the LORD**" ▶ A King, a Love, A new Master

"**you will receive the inheritance as your reward**"
The inheritance of Sons + Daughters

"**justly + fairly... Master in Heaven**" ▶ masters have a Master + are to DO JUSTICE

6 Roles

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Husbands Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh w. them.

Children Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the LORD.

Fathers Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.


Bondservants Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the LORD. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the LORD and not for men, knowing that you will receive the inheritance as your reward.



There is a whole theology + practice of Faith + Work Here... Short = Christians should be the very best employees!

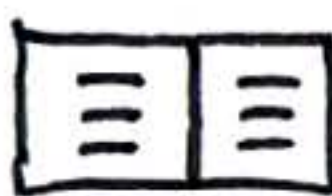
Masters

Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

How high + hard + heavy the burden of the Duty of Love is! See that, like Rubics Cube  Multiple Roles + Duties + Jurisdictions at the Same Time!!! No wonder so many people check out!

If you can't untie Love + Duty and if you can't carry the load of loving Duty... How?

③ The supremacy of Christ in love + duty

 Duties are Christ Saturated, Christ Motivated, Christ looking + loving

- ...fitting in the LORD v. 18
- ...pleases the LORD v. 20
- ...fearing the LORD v. 22
- ...work heartily, as for the LORD and not for men.
- ...knowing that from the LORD you will receive the inheritance as your reward.
- ...You are serving the LORD Christ.
- ...knowing that you also have a Master in heaven

See what we see? JESUS, the Beautiful one who sets our heart free to serve w. joy! Love for him so great that duty becomes praise of him and pleasing of him!

See the Creator + Sustainer **Colossians 3:15ff**
the Husband who laid down his life for his bride,
the Church, The Son, who gave up his inheritance
of the glory of heaven and took our place so that
we could have an eternal inheritance, The Master
who was treated unjustly + unfairly so that we
could have full rights + privileges of sons + daughters.

See why we laugh @ your "freedom from duty"
and embrace our duties as free sons + daughters
of the KING WE LOVE!

Thanks for Those Who Served

Prayer for Congregation

Prayer for Graduates

Cole Lane and Xavier Smith

Triune God, we thank and praise you for our graduating seniors. You gave them to our church for this season. They have been faithful to fulfill their calling as students. Now we bless them in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit and send them as your servants into the world.

Holy Spirit, Comforter, Comfort us as we grieve the sadness of saying goodbye. We will miss them. Help them transition to college, the workplace, and, for some, moving away. Help us grieve the loss of their presence and rejoice in their future victories.

Lord Jesus Christ, May they walk in the grace of your gospel. May they be faithful to abide in you and in your church. May they mature in their Christian faith. May they use their strengths and gifts to serve the body. May they work for the common good where you plant them in your sovereign plan.

Finally, Heavenly Father, their Father and our Father, as we committed to pray for them in their baptism, now we recommit ourselves to pray for them in their next chapter. We look forward with joy to their visits with us. We pray that many of them will return to us to work shoulder to shoulder with us for the renewal of this city.

All this we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Communion

Hymn: Jesus Paid It All

words by Elvina Hall; music by John Grape, 1865

I hear the savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in me thine all in all

chorus

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

chorus

And when before the throne
I stand in him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

chorus

Oh, praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

Hymn: Spirit of Heaven

Dave Irish, UBP

Spirit of heaven, fall afresh on me
Spirit of heaven, I will follow your lead

chorus

Out into a fallen world
Sowing seeds in the harvest fields
Thank you Lord for the promised
Gift that you've given
The Spirit of heaven

Spirit of heaven, a still small voice
Help me to listen, midst all the chaos and noise

chorus

Benediction



Announcements

Gather for Worship

To Mask or Not to Mask

The Session will be establishing a church mask policy shortly. Meanwhile, we ask you to be considerate of others and to continue to wear masks in the Hilton indoor public spaces. Thank you!

Youth Group

Sundays at 9:00 am live and via Zoom | [Learn More](#)

Sunday Worship Services

Worship Service and Live Broadcast at 10:30

Chat and fellowship begins at 10:20

Connect

Get on our [mailing list](#) to receive announcements and the weekly Worship Guide in your inbox.

Install our [Mobile App](#) for easy access to resources (*search your app store for Redeemer Redmond*)

Offering

Tithes and offerings can be made in person in the basket near the front of the room or [online here](#).

Note about Icon Artwork

The Worship Guide cover art for the Colossians series depicts an icon by local artist Deborah Anderson.

Read about Deborah's iconographic journey and view her other icons at www.edensings.com.

Reproductions are available for purchase by contacting [Deborah](#) directly.

Grow in Community

Thursday Walks with Jim and Jason

Jason and Jim walk on Thursdays at noon. This is a great way to connect and get some exercise. Contact [Jim Gibons](#) for details and he will send a reminder the day of. Hope to see you join us!

Church Picnic, Jun 6th

We are planning a church picnic for June 6th after church. This will be a combination Send-off as the Dorseys leave on Sabbatical and Back to Church celebration as we come out of Covid-19 restrictions. Please [sign up here](#) for a box lunch.

June Creation Trek, Jun 19th

Our next church hike will be June 19th, probably up (or part way up) Mt Teneriffe, near North Bend. As usual we will meet at Redmond Middle School at 8 am. For information contact [Scott](#) or [John](#).

Camano Art Association's Studio Tour, Jun 26th

Redeemer's next Cultural Trek is on Saturday, June 26. We are going to enjoy the popular [Camano Art Association's Studio Tour](#) on Camano Island, WA.

Experience the beauty of Camano and the creativity of her colony of artists. More than 30 artists at 16 studios and four galleries are participating in this year's tour - representing diverse talent and mediums, from ceramics and glass to paintings, photography and sculpture.

A digital brochure and map will help Cultural Trek participants plan their Saturday itinerary. The final destination will be Pastor Jason and Jenny's Sunnyshore Studio, Studio #3. Pastor Jason and Jenny will be hosting a BBQ dinner for Cultural Trek participants. We will share the stories of our experience of the Studio Tour and enjoy each other's company at an outdoor picnic.

Please contact [Wenbo Wei](#) if you would like to carpool.

Men's Prayer

Men's prayer is gathering virtually on Wednesday morning at 6:30 using Zoom. All Redeemer men welcome. Contact: [John Sanford](#)

Community Groups

Contact [John Sanford](#) to find out how you can get involved with a community group or reserve Zoom.

Online Parish

Redeemer's congregation is divided into parishes. Parish refers to both a place and to the people within that place. Each Parish is overseen by an elder who works with the pastor, community group leaders and deacons (the parish council) to care for the members of that parish. In spring 2021, Redeemer has launched an online parish to connect with and care for the people who are participating online in the life of our congregation. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Go in Mission

Summer VBS for Kids

Come join us for VBS on Sunday mornings this summer! Thank you to so many of you for volunteering! We have enough volunteers to be able to offer VBS for both kids and preschool!

Theme: Destination Dig:

Unearthing the Truth about Jesus

Dates: June 6th – August 15th (except July 4th)

Time: Sunday mornings during the sermon

Place: The outside patio next to our worship service.

Ages: Kids (1st – 4th grade) and Preschool (age3-5)

Kids, let's have some fun digging about some truths about Jesus! If you haven't registered yet, or know a friend who would like to join you, please register soon!

Thank you so much for all those who have volunteered! Here is what we still need:

- 1 kids teacher for July 11 and 18
- 2 kids teachers for August 8 and 15
- 1-2 preschool teachers for June 6/13, July 11/18, and July 25/August 1
- 5 people to be helping hands on Sunday mornings with the children as needed

Both participants and volunteers can register at our church website or church app or here: [VBS Registration](#). Please register soon, as VBS starts next Sunday! See [Linda](#) for more info.

Donations for Yakima Flea Market/Bookmobile

The deacons are asking for donations to help Chris Granberry of Sacred Road with his church's flea market and bookmobile. The flea market is the 3rd weekend of June, and pickup of donations will probably be a week or so prior.

The bookmobile needs children's books and Christian children's books and beanie babies. The beanie babies are given away to children as a reading buddy. For the flea market he is asking for toys, Hello Kitty items, Avengers/super hero items, nail polish, stickers, books, clothes, kitchenware, and any other flea market items. Large items may be picked up when they come with a trailer. We can pick up anything that fits in a sedan. Please contact deacon Gerald Sakuda (425 883-4576, geraldsakuda@yahoo.com) for pickup of donations. Small items can be given to the deacons at church. Thank you for your consideration.

Pastor Dorsey on Sabbatical

On Sunday June 6th we will be sending Pastor Dorsey on a three months sabbatical. Redeemer's elders believe that Pastoral sabbaticals are vital to the ministry of the pastor and life of the congregation. They implement the rhythms of work and rest God modeled at creation, in the weekly sabbath, and the future rest of the saints in God's presence. They provide time and space for rest and renewal, imagination and creativity, and for new leaders to step up and serve. Redeemer's elders believe that the 2021 sabbatical for Pastor Dorsey and the Redeemer congregation, will be a season of fruitfulness, and strengthen and prepare us for the Kingdom work that we have before us in the decades to come. Pastoral support will be provided by [Rev Hans Stout](#).

2021: Sabbatical It Up!

Please read the attached [guide for this sabbatical season](#), including ideas for how you can get involved and a handy Prayer Calendar! Let's work together to make this a Summer of renewal for our congregation!

Counseling and Deaconal Support

If you have a need for counseling or other support, please contact [Frank Huston](#) or one of the deacons.

Set-up Team Help Needed

We are looking for 2-4 more people to join this team, including a team leader. Start would be June 1st, for a year commitment. We are hoping to get enough team members that we can have this as a once every 6 week commitment. Please prayerfully consider this important need for the church. Contact [Jim Gibons](#).

RUF at UW Update

We received an update from Ali Gosselin at RUF UW recently that includes a glimpse into what the quarter has looked like so far as well as info on some time-sensitive fundraising needs. Read Ali's newsletter [HERE](#) or [CLICK HERE](#) to donate.

Emily Huston Summer Mission

Emily is very thankful for all the support for her summer mission trip to Cherokee, North Carolina. She has asked for no additional funding but is eager to have her family at Redeemer Redmond to partner with her to pray for this trip. We will look for specific ways we can pray as she prepares for this trip, for now please pray for planning to go well as he prepares her heart to serve Him in mission.

MOJ Transition

MOJ is currently transitioning to the Deacon team and is set to fully transition by June 1 st . If you have any questions see any of our Deacons or [Jim Gibons](#).

Remember to pray for those we support:

- Jay Stoms' Family mission in South Africa
- RUF Western Washington and UW
- Northlake Young Life
- Youth for Christ
- Redmond School Break Food Lunch Program
- Congregant ministries and outreach efforts