

The Supremacy *of* Christ

a series from Paul's letter to the Colossians

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Eastertide (also known as the Easter season) is a period of fifty days in the liturgical year of Christianity that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It begins on Easter Sunday and ends with Pentecost Sunday.

In our Colossians series we will be using icon imagery and ancient creeds and confessions in the liturgy to remind us that we are part of a global, international, diverse family of believers united by Christ.

Welcome & Call to Worship

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.
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. And
he is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.

**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.
For in him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

words, Reginald Heber, 1826; music, John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see:
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin

From the Anglican Book of Prayer

Let us confess our sins
against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.**

Silent prayer

Receiving of Grace

From Colossians 1:21-23

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind,
doing evil deeds, Jesus Christ has now reconciled
in his body of flesh by his death,
in order to present you holy and blameless
and above reproach before him,
if indeed you continue in the faith,
stable and steadfast,
not shifting from the hope of the gospel
that you heard, which has been proclaimed
in all creation under heaven.

Hymn: Come Thou Fount

David Crowder, Robert Robinson; John Wyeth, 1758; CCLI #3630228

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Raise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I've come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the folds of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord
Take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

Hymn: How Great Thou Art

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine, 1949; CCLI#14181

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think, that God, his Son not sparing;
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.



Chorus

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Chorus

Offering

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Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and every shall be
World without end! Amen, amen.

Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:6-23

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord,
so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and
established in the faith, just as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy
and empty deceit, according to human tradition,
according to the elemental spirits of the world, and
not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness
of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in
him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him
also you were circumcised with a circumcision made

without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— ²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

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 over Religion

Rev. Jason Dorsey

3 The supremacy of Christ Jesus over religion

YES to JESUS

As you received [technical term for tradition]
Christ Jesus the LORD, so walk in him rooted
and built up in him and established in the
faith, just as you were taught, abounding
in thanksgiving

REQUIRES A

No to RELIGION

See to it that no one takes you captive
[a slavery of error, lit. to "carry off as booty"]
by philosophy and empty deceit, according to
human tradition, according to the elemental
spirits of the world, and not according to
Christ

Sermon =  walk  rooted  built up  established in J

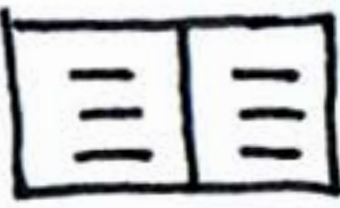
1 No To RELIGION

2 Qs #1 Why can't we all just be nice
Get along? "Tolerance"

A = Truth matters in all of life,
complex not simplistic, and
consequences of religion are
terrible "captive"


#2 Where do you see religion?

A = I'm glad you asked
Colossian Heresy


 Investigate details to come to conclusion
Puzzle Pieces

 Involved circumcision for fullness
2:9 - 15

 Involved high regard, even worship of
angels 2:15, 18

 Involved food + drink ... festival ... new
moon or Sabbath 2:16

 Involved asceticism (2:18) ... "Do not
handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" (v.21)

 Involved appearance of wisdom in
promoting self made religion and
asceticism and severity to the body
but they are of no value in stopping the
indulgence of the flesh (2:23)

What do we have here? Clearly not irreligion!
44 different suggestions of 19th + 20th century scholars

Judaism	Gnostic Judaism or Jewish Gnosticism	Gnosticized Judaism with Pagan Elements	Pagan Mystery Cult
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Conclusion = Religious Syncretism

So what does that have to do w. me today?

Put it to you in three ways, maybe one will stick

1. Your mind loves to be on the inside
of a secret knowledge, inside scoop

gnosticism today

2. Your ♥ wants to be not judged and
shamed (2:16) but on the inside of
some covenant community, religious
community

circumcision today

3. Your guilt, struggles, battle with sin
makes you feel that Jesus Christ
is not enough and you need
something more to fill + complete you

asceticism today

➡➡➡ Religion + Religious Syncretism
doesn't work, it enslaves **captivates**

2 YES TO JESUS


Invite you to WORSHIP Jesus

Invite you to rest in "uncontested space"
Hans


Invite you to thanksgiving vs 7

Invite you to walk in Him 

Invite you to sink your roots deep in him

Invite you to build your life on him 



Invite you to rest in Θ 's Final Verdict in Him 

1. In Jesus the fullness of Deity dwells bodily and you have been filled in him who is the head of all rule + authority ► You are Complete

Religion = our way to Θ

Jesus = Θ 's way to us

►►► Answers the Longing of your mind!

You KNOW Θ HIMSELF in Incarnate Christ!►

2. IN Jesus you belong

You are circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by the putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith ~~by~~ in the powerful working of Θ who raised him from the dead

You are united to Christ the Head and to all the members of his body 2:19 Baptism replaces Circumcision

►►► Answers your desire to belong!►

3. In Jesus your debt is canceled

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, Θ made alive together with him, 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.

➡➡➡ Answers the problem of your sin + guilt!

Prayer for Congregation

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ,
his only begotten Son, our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.
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

Hymn: Grace Alone

Dustin Kensrue, 2012

I was an orphan lost at the fall
Running away when I'd hear your call
But Father, you worked your will
I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near your throne
But Father, you loved me still

And in love before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own
You have raised me up so high above my station
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

You left your home to seek out the lost
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus, your face was set
I worked my fingers down to the bone
But nothing I did could ever atone
But Jesus, you paid my debt

By your blood I have redemption and salvation
Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new creation
I am born again by grace and grace alone

I was in darkness all of my life
I never knew the day from the night
But Spirit, you made me see
I swore I knew the way on my own
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, you moved in me

At your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone

Benediction



Announcements

Gather for Worship

Youth Group

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Sunday Worship Services

Worship Service and Live Broadcast at 10:30

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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

Cinco De Mayo

Pastor Jason and Jenny Dorsey are hosting a Cinco De Mayo Mexican Food Feast for Redeemer singles on Wednesday, May 5th. This will replace our normal "Second Sabbath Singles Supper." We will meet at 6:00pm at the Dorsey's home: 15788 NE 101st Ct. Park on on the street where 160th St. dead ends. Please RSVP with [Pastor Jason](#) or [Jenny](#).

Church Hike, May 22nd

Join us for another time of enjoying Creation and good fellowship on May 22nd. We will meet at 8 am at the Redmond Middle School parking lot; destination to be determined.

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 is launching 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.

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. If interested in joining them, contact [Jim Gibons](#) for details and he will send a reminder the day of. Hope to see you!

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. Details to follow.

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.

Go in Mission

RUF at UW Update

We received an update from Ali Gosselin at RUF UW this week 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.

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.

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](#).

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.

Sacred Road Trip Canceled

Due to a number of circumstances including uncertainty with Covid we have decided that Redeemer will not be going in mission this summer to Sacred Road in Yakima. This was a difficult and discerned decision starting with MOJ director and then approved through the Session. We are not abandoning the team at Sacred Road as we will donate the deposit which may have been forfeited and the Deacons will think about ways to support further financially. Also, we will look for a way over the summer to connect with the team that was going to go, and to pray for and support the folks at Sacred Road. Please pray for the staff and ministry leaders of Sacred Road and the peoples of Warm Springs and White Swan reservations. For wisdom and guidance as they continue to navigate a difficult time.

Faith of a Mustard Seed Trip Canceled

The FOM Mission Trip for 2021 has been canceled. See Pastor Dorsey for details.

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](#).

A reminder of ministries and neighbors 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

Please pray for these ministries that the Lord will strengthen them and give them courage to continue to look to him for sustenance and direction during this time, and to maintain the hope they have in him.

Counseling and Deaconal Support

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