

5 Day Bible Reading and Devotional

Day 1: The Supremacy of Christ

Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Devotional: Today, we focus on the central truth of Colossians: Christ's supremacy over all things. As you read this powerful passage, reflect on what it means for Jesus to be "the image of the invisible God" and "the firstborn over all creation." Consider how this exalted view of Christ impacts your daily life. Does your perception of Jesus align with Paul's description?

Take a moment to contemplate areas in your life where you might not be fully acknowledging Christ's supremacy. Are there aspects of your work, relationships, or personal ambitions where you're trying to maintain control rather than submitting to His lordship? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any such areas and to help you surrender them to Christ's authority.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to see You as truly supreme over all things. May this truth transform how I think, act, and live each day. Amen.

Day 2: Pursuing Knowledge of Christ

Reading: Colossians 2:1-5

Devotional: Paul's fervent desire for the Colossians was that they would have a deep, rich understanding of Christ. Today, consider your own pursuit of knowing Jesus. How intentional are you in seeking to grow in your knowledge and understanding of Him?

Reflect on verse 3, which states that in Christ "are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." What might it look like to mine these treasures in your daily life? Consider practical steps you can take to deepen your knowledge of Christ, such as dedicated Bible study, intentional prayer, or seeking wisdom from mature believers.

Remember, pursuing Christ is not just an intellectual exercise, but a relational one. How can you cultivate a closer, more intimate relationship with Jesus today?

Prayer: Father, ignite in me a passion to know Christ more deeply. Help me to prioritize this pursuit above all else. Amen.

Day 3: Living in Light of Christ's Lordship

Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Devotional: Having established Christ's supremacy and our need to pursue Him, Paul now urges us to live in light of these truths. What does it mean to "set your hearts on things above"? How might this perspective change your priorities, decisions, and daily habits?

Consider the promise in verse 4: "When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." How does this future hope impact your present reality? In what ways can you live today as someone whose true life is "hidden with Christ in God"?

Take time to identify one area of your life where you need to more fully embrace Christ's Lordship. It might be in your thoughts, your words, your relationships, or your work. Ask God for the grace to surrender this area more completely to Him.

Prayer: Lord, help me to live each day with my heart set on things above, fully embracing your Lordship in every aspect of my life. Amen.

Day 4: Putting Off the Old, Putting On the New

Reading: Colossians 3:5-17

Devotional: In light of Christ's supremacy and our new identity in Him, Paul calls us to a radical transformation of character. As you read this passage, note the contrast between the "old self" and the "new self."

Reflect on your own life. Where do you see evidence of the "old self" still at work? Where do you see the "new self" emerging? Remember, this transformation is not something we achieve through our own efforts, but through the power of Christ working in us.

Focus particularly on verses 12-14. How might your relationships change if you consistently "clothed yourself" with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience?

Prayer: Father God, by your Holy Spirit continue your transforming work in me. Help me to put off the old and put on the new, reflecting Christ's character more fully each day. Amen.

Day 5: Living Out Our Faith in Every Sphere

Reading: Colossians 3:18-4:6

Devotional: As we conclude our reading of Colossians, we see how the supremacy of Christ and our pursuit of Him should impact every area of our lives: our families, our work, and our interactions with both believers and non-believers.

Reflect on how your faith in Christ influences these different spheres of your life. Are there areas where you tend to compartmentalize your faith, keeping it separate from your "everyday" life? How might fully embracing Christ's lordship change your approach to these areas?

Notice especially Paul's instructions about prayer and speech in 4:2-6. How can you make your prayer life more watchful and thankful? In what ways can your conversations with others be more gracious and "seasoned with salt"?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, may Your supremacy be evident in every aspect of my life. Help me to live in a way that consistently points others to You. Amen.

Questions for Reflection and Family Discussion

- How does understanding Christ's supremacy over all things challenge or change your perspective on your daily life and decisions?
 - In what areas of your life do you find it most difficult to submit to Christ's authority, and why?
 - What are some practical ways we can pursue growth in knowing, submitting to, and trusting Christ in all aspects of our lives?
 - How does the truth of Christ's supremacy provide comfort or assurance in times of personal struggle or global uncertainty?
 - In what ways might we unintentionally (or intentionally!) place ourselves or other things as supreme and preeminent in our lives instead of Christ?
 - In what ways can we guard against false teachings and ideologies that might draw us away from the centrality of Christ in our lives?
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- Who is the main person the Letter to the Colossians talks about and what do we learn about Him?
 - Why do you think it's important to learn about Jesus?
 - The book of Colossians talks about Jesus being supreme over all things. What do you think it means for someone to be supreme or preeminent?
 - How & why is Jesus supreme over all things?
 - Colossians encourages us to know more about Jesus and trust Him. What are some ways we can learn more about Jesus as a family?