

**The Supremacy of Christ**  
*A Study of Colossians*  
Week 04: Paul: the Wise Servant

**Scripture**

Colossians 2:1-7

**Key Points (Where We Are in History)**

- Paul wrote to the Colossian Church, while he was under house arrest in Rome
- They had never met in person, but Paul wrote in response to the report of Epaphras (their pastor)
- The church was facing pressure to *mix religious systems*
- Paul then wrote with the goal of showing Christ's supremacy over all things  
Supreme – the highest rank, power, and authority in an organization or system

**Motivation (Why They Need to Know It)**

Today, we'll be getting to the heart of Paul's writing - the supremacy of Christ.

Rather than begin with calling out the wrong, religious influences in the church FIRST, Paul begins with telling them WHO JESUS IS.

**Information (What They Need to Know)**

**Colossians 2:1-3 (ESV)** For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, **2** that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, **3** in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

**Paul's Goals for Believers**

Strong in Heart

United in Christ's Love

Settled Understanding

**Colossians 2:4-5 (ESV)** I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. **5** For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

**The Reason for Paul's Goals**

Enemy Attacks

Understanding brings Clarity

**Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV)** 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.

## **Walking with Christ**

**Baby Steps** - Testing the ground with your feet

-office boss - SNL

**Middle School Steps** - Confident yet Learning

-My own tragic middle school years

**Phoebe Steps** - Run Like Christ

-Pheobe Friends

**Application (What They Need to Do)**