The Supremacy of Christ A Study of Colossians

Week 03: Supremacy of Our Mission

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Colossians 1:24-29

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
 <u>Supreme</u> 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)

Paul now	transitions	from	the	Supremacy	of	Christ	to	the	Supremacy	of
Our Missi	on									

Effectiveness in a job or mission begins with _____?

Our Attitude

Colossians 1:24 (ESV) Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,

Once we are of the proper attitude we need our _____?

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Our Assignment

Colossians 1:25-27 (ESV) of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

To narrow down our assignment we need _____?

Our Goal

Colossians 1:28 (ESV) Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Now that we have our attitude ready along with our assignment and goal...How do we do this?

Our Drive

Colossians 1:29 (ESV) For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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Application (What They Need to Do)

What does the Supremacy of Our Mission mean for us?

Our mission is from God and is more important than anything.

Where has God placed you? (Family, job, school, neighborhood, friend group, class, club, team, company)

How has God called you? (Why are you there?)

How can you take the kingdom there? How can you be an ambassador there?

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