## The Supremacy of Christ A Study of Colossians

Week 06: Living Faith (pt.1) Right Mindset

## **Scripture**

Colossians 3:1-4

#### **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 switches from doctrine to Practical Christian Living

Colossians 3:1 (ESV) If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus Redirects Life's Pursuits

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Colossians 3:2 (ESV) Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Jesus Reshapes Life's Perspectives

Colossians 3:3-4 (ESV) For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Jesus Redefines Our Purpose

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

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