

# The Supremacy of Christ


## Part 1

### Introduction & Thanksgiving

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# TALKINGPOINTS WALKINGPOINTS



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**Talk** together about the glory of God's kingdom. –Psalm 145:11  
Love the Lord your God and **walk** in all his ways. –Joshua 22:5

Triangle Community Church aims to be a "transforming church". We exist to be used by God as He transforms ordinary people into extraordinary followers of Jesus Christ. TCC believes not only that life-change is possible—but that it is to be expected. Growth is God's will for his people. But transformation does not happen by accident. It requires intentional, intelligent action. 1 Timothy 4:7 instructs you to "discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness." Since "Talking Points, Walking Points" is intended both for individual reflection and for group discussion, questions vary in degree of vulnerability required. Generally it is best to begin group discussions with questions which involve less personal disclosure—but don't linger there. Be sure to "dive deep" too! The questions which require the greatest openness and honesty, as well as those in the section entitled "Digging Deeper in your Daily Quiet Time", are perfect for private reflection.

## Questions for Reflection or Discussion

- What from Sunday's message interested you? ...made sense to you? ...confused you?  
...intrigued you? ...upset you? ...encouraged you? ...and **why**?

- Read Colossians 1:1-3. **How** are each of the following described and **what** is the **significance**?  
[1] Paul:  
[2] Timothy:  
[3] the Colossians:  
[4] Jesus:  
[5] God:

- Read Colossians 1:4-5. For what character qualities and behaviors are the Colossians praised?

- Read Colossians 1:5-6. What is the significance of the two phrases used to describe the gospel?

According to v. 6, what does the gospel **do** everywhere it goes?

Have **you** personally seen the gospel do **that** in your life? If so, tell us about it.

- What insight into the Colossians' love does Colossians 1:8 give us? What do you think that means?

Read Romans 15:30. Have **you** personally seen the Spirit do **that** in your life? If so, tell us about it.

# Colossians 1:1-8

**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God’s will, and Timothy our brother:

**2** To the saints in Christ at Colossae, who are faithful brothers and sisters.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

**3** We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,

**4** for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints

**5** because of the hope reserved for you in heaven.

You have already heard about this hope in the word of truth, the gospel

**6** that has come to you. It is bearing fruit and growing all over the world,

just as it has among you since the day you heard it and came to truly appreciate God’s grace.

**7** You learned this from Epaphras, our dearly loved fellow servant.

He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,

**8** and he has told us about your love in the Spirit.

Colossians															
Christ's Supremacy ~ Our Submission															
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## Digging Deeper in Your Daily Quiet Time

**"Five Question Bible Study" (see page below) is a simple way to study any topic.**

**Let's use it to get to know the Christians in Colossae...**

**Monday**—Read Colossians 2:1 & Acts 19:1 & 8-10. Paul had *not* personally visited Colossae, so how was the church begun?

**Tuesday**—Epaphras was a leader in the church of Colossae. What do you learn about him in Colossians 1:7?

**Wednesday**—Besides being a faithful worker for Christ, what else do we learn about Epaphras in Philemon 23?

**Thursday**—Although locked up with Paul, how did Epaphras continue to serve the church of Colossae? (Colossians 4:12)

**Friday**—What report did Epaphras give Paul regarding the Colossian believers? (Colossians 1:8 & 2:5)

**Saturday**—In preparation for gathering to worship on the Lord's Day, read Colossians 1:9-14.

### Five Question Bible Study

Bible Text: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



What idea particularly strikes me from this text? [Note in which verse(s) it is found.]



What question does this text raise in my mind—and how would **this text** answer it?



What about Jesus Christ—his character and/or his redemption—relates to this text?



What action must I take as a result of this text? Be concrete and specific.



With whom will I share what I learned from this text? [and what was their response?]