

# Supreme



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Week 7—Supreme in our Relationships (3:18-4:1)

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## Introduction:

Christ is supreme...

- Through the Gospel    - As the God-man    - In our suffering
- Over human philosophy    - In our freedom    - As our life

Today we acknowledge His supremacy over our relationships...

## Christ is Supreme in our Relationships:

1. We trust in Christ's authority over our family \_\_\_\_\_ (3:18-21)

See Ephesians 5:21-22

Three phases of parenting: control → authority → influence

2. We trust in Christ's authority over human \_\_\_\_\_ (3:22-25)

See Luke 4:18-19

See 1 Timothy 1:9-11

3. We trust in Christ's authority over social \_\_\_\_\_

## Application:

The Book of Colossians brings us to a crossroads regarding the supremacy of Christ: *God's way or the world's way? Which will I orient my life around?*

We may think we're circumventing God's system like the Wright brothers temporarily defying gravity, but as soon as fuel runs out, or a mechanical failure ensues, absolute truth takes over.

Let's orient our lives around God's absolute truth for relationships!

## **QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

### **Personal Life:**

1. Can you think of a time in your life when you tried to circumvent God's way in a relationship – and you suffered for it? Share about this experience as honestly as possible with your group...

### **Ponderings:**

2. In terms of today's cultural views about family structure, where are some key turning points in which God's absolute truth concerning family life has come under assault? What role(s) does Christ's church play in redeeming those losses? Discuss...
3. Over the past several months, we've heard a lot about "systemic injustice" in America with regard to power, privilege and authority structures. What is the role of the church in ministering to those who feel disenfranchised or marginalized? Discuss...
4. When it comes to social status, it is obvious in a fallen world that some will abuse power and authority over others. Have you ever felt like someone in authority over you was using their power unjustly? If you are in authority over others, how are you using your influence to build up instead of tear down?

### **Promptings:**

5. What are some tangible examples of God's "absolute truth" that are being rejected by American society? Government authority? The Church?

What is your personal role/calling in bringing awareness to the importance of God's truth within your sphere of influence?

Are you willing to stand for truth even when it costs you something? When you do stand for God's truth, are you doing so from a posture of love? Discuss...