

Supreme



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Week 6 – Supreme as our Life (3:1-17)

Introduction:

Review:

- Week 1, Christ supreme through the Gospel.
- Week 2, Christ supreme as the God-man.
- Week 3, Christ supreme in our suffering.
- Week 4, Christ supreme over human philosophies
- Week 5, Christ supreme in our freedom

The Supremacy of Christ as our Life:

1. As we experience His life in our _____
– He reigns supreme in our _____ (3:1-4)
See Romans 1:25

2. As we experience His life in our _____
– He reigns supreme over our _____ (3:5-10)

3. As we experience His life in our _____
– He reigns Supreme over our _____ (3:11-17)

The Big Idea:

God wants a people who live holy lives...but holy lives cannot emerge in an unsafe environment of self-righteous judgmentalism. If the church is not attracting, loving and ministering to the same kinds of people who were attracted to Jesus, we're not doing ministry the way Jesus did it. We should all desire for Valley to be known as the premier environment for sinners to feel safe finding their way home!

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. In the weekend message, we discussed the critical topic of Christ reigning supreme AS OUR VERY LIFE. How does this perspective differ from the idea that “Jesus wants to be part of your life?” Discuss...

Ponderings:

2. The fact that God has transformed our inner character to be in alignment with Jesus is truly miraculous. What affect has this character change had on the way you prioritize your own life? Are there areas you have not yet prioritized according to this new righteous identity and character you've been given by grace? Discuss...
3. When Christ's life is manifest in our conduct and practices, what are some of the evidences of this? Discuss...
4. As we experience Christ's life in our community, He reigns over our perspective, allowing us to become a refuge where sinners can feel safe enough to find their way home. What are some evidences of this mind-set at Valley? What are some areas where we're not quite “there yet?” Discuss as honestly as possible...

Promptings:

5. Jesus was the holiest man who ever lived, and yet He never felt uncomfortable in the presence of what many would consider the most “vile” sinners. Why do you think this is not always the experience of people with those who claim to be followers of Jesus today?

Are there areas of repentance needed in your life – from self-righteousness, judgmentalism, lack of gratitude, etc. that would cause you to become more approachable for those who are struggling to find someone safe to talk with? Discuss...