

# The Supremacy of Christ

## “Spiritual Transformation”

### Colossians 1:9-12

#### Introduction

Last week we began a series of messages on the Supremacy of Christ from the book of Colossians. Colossians is a letter the Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians living in Colossae.

1. Paul begins his letter by thanking God for the Colossians and their decision to become \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
2. Paul also rejoices that the \_\_\_\_\_ is changing their lives.
3. The gospel can change \_\_\_\_\_ about your life.
4. Paul prays that God would change their lives in a deep and lasting way. Paul calls this change “being \_\_\_\_\_.”
5. The Christian teaching is that Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ to this earth.

#### I. The Goal of Transformation

6. Paul describes the central goal of God’s transformation in verse 10, “that you may walk \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;” (Col 1:10 NKJV)
7. It means we live in a way that \_\_\_\_\_ God well so that we uphold His reputation to others.

8. Paul prayed that the Colossians would know God's \_\_\_\_\_ informed by true spiritual understanding.
9. Paul also prayed that the Colossians would \_\_\_\_\_ according to the knowledge they received.
10. God wants to transform us from being self-centered into being \_\_\_\_\_-centered.
11. Christians are \_\_\_\_\_ to putting Christ first in their lives.
12. God wants His transformation to be \_\_\_\_\_, not compartmentalized.
13. The reason this transformation works is that God \_\_\_\_\_ us for the Christian way of life.
14. Acts of goodness toward other people \_\_\_\_\_ them to Christ.
15. When we share God's love with others, it \_\_\_\_\_ our experience with Christ and gives us greater insight into God's will.
16. Paul experienced the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
17. God's power in us causes us to become more \_\_\_\_\_ and love people who are even difficult to love.
18. As a Christian, you can have an \_\_\_\_\_ outlook on life.

## **II. The Method of Transformation**

19. Being filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding \_\_\_\_\_ God's power to transform us.
20. Jesus is God's Messiah, and His death and resurrection has provided the \_\_\_\_\_ to our deepest problems.
21. While understanding the content of the gospel is important, it is responding to it in \_\_\_\_\_ that is transforming.
22. The Holy Spirit causes us to become filled with \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge.
23. Throughout this letter, Paul lays out for us how to live the \_\_\_\_\_ life.

### **III. The Fruit of Transformation**

24. Paul describes the \_\_\_\_\_ of transformation in verses 11-14.
25. God's plan of redemption includes a transformation that bears fruit even in a \_\_\_\_\_ environment.
26. The inheritance of Christ's riches is not something we \_\_\_\_\_, it is something we are given because of our relationship with Jesus.
27. The fruit of transformation also includes deliverance from the power of \_\_\_\_\_.
28. There are always spiritual battles we must face but we must stand firm and put on the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

29. Instead of darkness and hatred, we live in God's \_\_\_\_\_ and compassion.

30. The price of our freedom from this darkness and the world has been paid in full by the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the \_\_\_\_\_.

31. We are \_\_\_\_\_, in Jesus Name!

## Conclusion

32. As we progress through this series in Colossians, I hope that it will be life-transforming for you! Ask God to illuminate the gospel's \_\_\_\_\_ to your life.

33. \_\_\_\_\_ for your Christian friends!

I encourage you to read your Bible regularly and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal it's truths to you. And find a Christian friend or two that you can meet with regularly for some Bible study and prayer. That is at the heart of the gospel! And the gospel will transform your life!

## ANSWERS

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| 1. Followers      | 14. Attract    | 27. Darkness    |
| 2. Gospel         | 15. Deepens    | 28. Armor       |
| 3. Everything     | 16. Power      | 29. Love        |
| 4. Transformed    | 17. Patient    | 30. Cross       |
| 5. Return         | 18. Optimistic | 31. Forgiveness |
| 6. Worthy         | 19. Unleashes  | 32. Application |
| 7. Represents     | 20. Solution   | 33. Pray        |
| 8. Will           | 21. Faith      |                 |
| 9. Live           | 22. Spiritual  |                 |
| 10. God           | 23. Christian  |                 |
| 11. Committed     | 24. Fruit      |                 |
| 12. Comprehensive | 25. Sinful     |                 |
| 13. Designed      | 26. Earn       |                 |