

Supreme | Colossians 1:15-18

Supreme. What does that word mean to you? I bet at least one of you just whipped out your go to pizza ordering app as you began to crave a delicious supreme pizza.

But really, think about the word supreme. Take a second and write that down on the top of a piece of paper.

The word supreme, according to the dictionary, is the state or condition of being superior (or above) all others in authority, power, or status. I want us to focus in on this idea supreme, superiority, and how it applies to us, not just during this season of life, but every single day of our lives.

Grab your copy of God's word and meet me in Colossians chapter 1. We are starting a new devotional study in the book of Colossians this week. The purpose behind Paul writing this letter to the church at Colossae was to show that as believers we have everything we need in Christ. Paul opens this letter by making, in my opinion, one of the most important statements about Christ that we as believers need to not only hear, but commit to our hearts and minds to strengthen our faith:

Read Colossians 1:15-18

Jesus – before (or above) all things with everything held together through Him. Paul wanted the believers at Colossae to understand this one crucial thing: NOTHING happens that comes as a surprise to God, because everything that happens He has authority over. His Omniscience, the characteristic that allows Him to know all things, His Omnipresence, the characteristic that allows Him to be everywhere at all times, and His Omnipotence, the characteristic that speaks to His all mighty power, reveal Jesus' supremacy, or supreme authority over all things – even our sin and the penalty of death that comes through it.

See, many times I think we can allow the enemy to tell us that Jesus isn't enough. He isn't enough to cover our sinful filthiness. He isn't enough to transform our doubt into joy, or our pain into peace. He isn't enough to mend broken relationships. He isn't enough to pull you out of your shame. He will never be enough.

But let me tell you students, do not allow the enemy to have a seat at your table.

What do I mean by that?

Read Psalm 23

This whole passage of scripture spells out how supreme God is. He is a God that makes us lie down in green pastures. He is a God who leads us beside still waters. He is a God that restores us. He is a God that guides us through the darkest valleys. And then we come to verse 5:

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.”

Now, you might ask why God wants to prepare a table in the middle of my enemies. Why can't God prepare a table for me and Him to meet with each other on a mountain top or beautiful lookout somewhere? Why in the presence of my enemies?

Catch this: because it's ultimately not about your situation, it's how you view God and the type of relationship you have with Him. In the middle of your toughest situations, God not only wants to help you, but He wants His glory to be seen, His superiority to be seen by your enemies. He wants your enemies, and ultimately the enemy himself, to see how He is providing for you. God is not looking to eject you from your trials; He is looking to provide for you in the midst of them.

The enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy God's glory. He comes to steal your Father's glory. He comes to try and diminish the victory that we have in Jesus. But he has no power where Jesus reigns supreme in the heart of a believer. The question is whether or not we are letting the enemy sit at the table that God has prepared for us – prepared for you!

Refer back to your piece of paper that you wrote on earlier. Underline that phrase that you wrote down. Now, I want you to think about every lie that you have felt the enemy tell you, every struggle that you have or are currently going through, every insecurity, every sin that you are ashamed of, anything that the enemy is using to tell you that Jesus isn't good enough for you or your problems, and write them under that phrase.

Now go back and read that sheet of paper.

Students, Jesus is enough. Jesus prepared a table at the foot of the cross while He was surrounded by every single one of His enemies – an enemy that was at one point and time you before you accepted Christ as your Savior – and displayed His supreme power, His supreme authority, but most importantly, His supreme love for you by dying in your place.

Today is the day that you decide in your mind, heart, and spirit that the enemy WILL NOT have a seat at your table, and instead meet Jesus right where he has prepared a table for you, confident that He is more than enough for you; He reigns supreme.