

COLOSSIANS

CHRIST IS ALL WE NEED

WEEK OF 11/09/25

JESUS CHRIST, LORD OF THE ORDINARY!

COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:1

Silence (1-2 minutes)

Sit silently for a minute as a way to center your heart and invite the Holy Spirit to help you listen to and receive God's Word.

Opening Prayer (2-3 minutes)

Read: Colossians 3:17–4:1

Devotional

Paul starts Colossians with the big message that Christ reigns supreme in our lives (chapters 1–2). Then he follows up with how to live to reflect God's supreme reign, first as "we" as a whole and second as an individual in part of a relationship: husbands and wives, children and parents, bondservants and masters (chapters 3–4). This structure reflects the Big Idea of this week's sermon: ***Jesus Christ who is supreme over principalities and powers and rulers and authorities on a cosmic scale is also supreme over the most ordinary room of the most ordinary house of your everyday life.*** In other words, God works in our everyday, mundane lives, not just on a big-scale cosmic level.

1. Psalm 147:4 says, "He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names." God can name our every problem, too. Discuss or write about an ordinary, mundane decision you thought not important enough to pray about and now bring it to God.

Colossians 3:17 | While this verse ends Paul's instructions to put on compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, and, above all, love, it also transitions into verses 3:18–4:1. Paul's words usher the Colossians back to their ordinary, everyday lives. He's saying that when God rules in our mundane, everyday moments, nothing changes. Life goes on when we commit to the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ and this commitment means serving God in "whatever [we] do." Yes, there will still be hardships alongside the joys, but "in the name of the Lord"—living a life that reflects God's character and his plan—empowers us to endure when nothing changes.

2. What hardships do you face in your role in your family or your role at work? How have you dealt with those?

3. Consider the end of verse 17: "giving thanks to God the Father through him."
Describe a tough situation in which you have been able to thank the Father. How did this make you feel?

Colossians 3:18–21 | "In the name of the Lord" is Paul's challenge to the people of the Colossian church – a challenge that begins with respect and love at home. Living within the boundaries of the Lord at home builds trust in relationships, allows for self-less acts and encouragement, increases confidence, and builds unity—all valuable attributes. These actions not only cross generations at home but also infiltrate society because others see a better way of life.

4. What is God asking you to do that reflects the new creation in Christ?
5. How can you be more like Christ in a relationship with another?

Colossians 4:1 | World change begins with "knowing that [we] have a Master in heaven." We can instigate change in the world by obeying because it pleases the Lord, obeying because we fear the Lord, and obeying because we serve the Lord. Change happens when husbands and wives serve Christ together, when parents exercise discipline with love, and when we treat everyone with dignity and respect. With every one of these decisions that lives in the shadows of the mundane, a change is happening: the image of Christ is being shared beyond our home in our everyday decisions to live like Christ at home.

6. Think of an incident where your actions incited change in the world, perhaps at your child's school or in the workplace.
7. We know we have a Master in heaven and an inheritance. What stops us from obedience even though we have this knowledge?

Closing Prayer

To walk with You, God, is to walk in the everyday, not only in the dramatic, life-changing occasions. To walk with You is to shine like a beacon to all who look in. To walk with You is to reflect Your character and Your love. To walk with You is to trust in Your supremacy in the smallest details of my life. So, thank you, Lord, for our walks and talks as I decide to follow You every day.

Share Prayer Requests (10-15 minutes)

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