



Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

The supremacy of Jesus Christ – the one and only Son of God, and one and only Savior from God – is ultimately incomprehensible but incredibly vital for us to understand. Perhaps the clearest, most concise, description of the preeminence of the Son of God is found in Paul's letter to the Colossians:

*“For by Him **all** things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – **all** things were created through Him and for Him.*

*¹⁷And he is before **all** things, and in Him **all** things hold together” (Col 1:16-17).*

In just these two verses, the apostle Paul uses the word “all” four different times to describe the infinite span of Christ's sovereignty over all creation. The Son has created everything, and everything has been created for the Son. Every...thing!

- ♦ He is sovereign over every planet, star, constellation, and galaxy – from the very center of the universe and all throughout its seemingly unreachable edges;
- ♦ He is sovereign over the whole earth from the top of Mt. Everest (over 29,000 feet up), to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean (almost 36,000 feet down) into the Mariana Trench;
- ♦ He is sovereign over all plants and animals, from the peaceful Blue Whale to the microscopic killer viruses;
- ♦ He is sovereign over all weather, climates, and seasons on earth: hurricanes, tornadoes, monsoons, earthquakes, avalanches, volcanic eruptions, floods, snow, rain, clouds, and sunshine;
- ♦ He is sovereign over all chemical processes that heal and destroy: cancer, AIDS, malaria, flu, and all the workings of antibiotics and the thousands of healing medicines;
- ♦ He is sovereign over all countries, all governments, all armies, all cultures and all people;
- ♦ He is sovereign over all terrorists and terrorist groups, and over every murder, kidnapping, suicide, and martyrdom;
- ♦ He is sovereign over all wars and nuclear threats;
- ♦ He is sovereign over all politics and elections;
- ♦ He is sovereign over all media and news and entertainment and sports and leisure;
- ♦ He is sovereign over all education and universities and scholarship and science and research;
- ♦ He is sovereign over all business and finance and industry and manufacturing and transportation;
- ♦ He is sovereign over all the internet and information systems;
- ♦ He is sovereign over angels and demons, heaven and hell, and over Satan himself;
- ♦ He is sovereign over every human being, both life and death, from stillborns to the elderly, over the entire sum of our lives and over every seemingly inconsequential word, action, motive or thought.

[adapted from John Piper's sermon: *The Supremacy of Christ* – Part 2]

The Son has not only created everything, but He is the One who sustains all creation. What keeps the earth from freezing, or melting, or disintegrating, or floating away from within the safe confines of our galaxy? Wrong question. It's not what, but who! Jesus Christ, the one and only Son of God!

Together in and for Christ,
Pastor David

Scripture Readings for the week (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #32):

Leviticus 25-27; 1 Chronicles 1-4; Psalm 93-95; Proverbs 16; Daniel 1-6; John 3-4; 2 Thess. 1-3

Recommended Reading:

“High King of Heaven” by John F. MacArthur (Gen. Ed.)

Calendar of
Events:

Mexico Mission Trip

August 10-19

Youth Pastor

Candidate Weekend

August 25-26

Looking Ahead...

AWANA Begins
September 12

Men's Breakfast
September 15

Women's Breakfast
September 22

For prayer requests,
email Amy Woodruff
at prayer@sbcnb.org
or call 541-404-0547

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Growth & Study.....

Men's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm *On break for the summer*
w/Jeff Etzel

Wednesdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Book of Ecclesiastes"
w/Pastor David

Thursdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Galatians ~ No Other Gospel!"
w/Pastor Tim

Fridays ~

6:30-7:30am "Jesus Among Secular Gods"
w/Pastor David

Young Adults

Thursdays ~

7:00-9:00pm At Skyline
w/Pastor Tim 541-756-3311

Women's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm "Romans" *Begins September 10th
w/Renee Middleton (541-297-2500)

Tuesdays ~

6:30-7:30am *On break for the summer*
w/Loy Huntzinger (360-607-0022)

8:30am *On break for the summer*
w/Beth Wallstrom (541-404-0112)

9:00am *On break for the summer*
w/Lois-Elaine Rencehausen (541-267-3106)

1:00-2:15pm *On break for the summer*
w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

7:00-8:15pm *On break for the summer*
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Wednesdays ~

9:00-10:30am "Romans" *Begins September 12th
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

10:00am "Experiencing God's Peace"
w/Karla Fries (541-267-0139)
Continuing through summer

6:30-8:00pm "Jesus Among Secular Gods"
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

Church News & Events.....

Teen Mexico Mission Trip ~ August 10th thru 19th

Please be in prayer for our youth mission trip to Mexico. They will leave early on Friday the 10th and will be back on the 19th.

Youth Pastor Candidate Weekend ~ August 25th & 26th

Join us on Saturday the 25th for a Potluck and Q&A session with our Youth Pastor candidate, Chad Frantz. Chad will be preaching both morning services on Sunday, the 26th and the membership will vote at the Business Meeting at 6pm that evening.

Youth Group ~

High School & Middle School Youth Group ~ *On break for the summer*