



THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE READING:

COLOSSIANS 1: 9 -20

Dear CLIC family

The questions are based on the sermon preached by Pastor Kenny Koay on July 31st 2025. Please take time to reflect on the Scripture above as part of your preparation for your small group discussions.

The audio recording of the sermon is available along with the slides at the following link:

<https://www.clichurch.com/podcasts/english-sermons/2025-08-31-the-supremacy-of-christ>

1. When you hear the words *"rescued from darkness,"* what images or stories come to mind? Why do you think Paul chose this picture to describe salvation? (**Col 1:13-14, Exodus 6:6**)
2. In the Thai cave rescue, the boys couldn't get out by themselves, they needed someone from the outside to save them. The Bible says the same about us: sin is not just a mistake we make; it's the human condition — we are trapped and helpless on our own. How does this contrast with the way the world tries to "save itself" (through self-help, education, money, success, or religion)? What makes Christ's salvation so different and greater?
3. Paul says, *"In Him all things were created ... and in Him all things hold together."* Life without Christ is like a puzzle missing its centrepiece, no matter how hard you try, the picture won't make sense. It's also like a solar system without the sun, everything spins into chaos. What are some "centrepieces" or "false suns" people building their lives around today? And how does putting Christ at the centre bring true order and meaning? (**Col 1:16-17**)

4. Paul says Christ must be *"first in everything"* (**Col. 1:18**). Augustine said sin is really "disordered love" — loving small things too much, or big things too little. What are some examples today where people (even Christians) love good things in the wrong order (career, family, money, pleasure, self)? What happens when Christ is not supreme in our loves?

5. The Bible says the church is *Christ's bride* (**Eph. 5:25**), *His body* (**Col. 1:18**), *His family* (**Eph. 2:19**), *His temple* (**Eph. 2:22**), and that *He purchased it with His own blood* (**Acts 20:28**). If this is how Jesus sees the church, how should it reshape the way we see and value being part of a church family today?