

If Christ is My Everything, then...

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Colossians 4

Colossians 1 quotes

He is the image of the invisible God.

All things were created through Him and for Him.

He is the head of the body, the church.

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him...

Supreme: Superior to all others

Sufficient: Enough to meet the need, nothing lacking

Colossians 2 message

Christ has saved us by His grace alone.

We can't get focused on rules and behavior.

We live by faith in Him, not by faith in our actions.

Christ is our "Everything" and our only hope of glory is abiding in Him.

Jesus is my Everything.

My full attention and worship is on Him because He is superior to all others and I know He will meet all my needs.

Colossians 3 testimony

James and Joanne shared how their marriage is changing due to deeper experiences with Christ. James highlighted the power of being thankful.

Colossians 4:2-6 Themes

Prayer

Watchfulness

Thanksgiving

Telling others about Jesus

Our sickness? Our cure?

Pride. Sin. Blindness to the truth about reality. Misguided thinking about the best way to live.

Jesus is our Everything. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is supreme. He is all-sufficient.

He has reconciled us to God.

Worldview: How we answer the big questions about god(s), how we got here, and how we should live.

Big God or Small God?

Thank you, God!

A little help here, God?

Everything is Yours.

I'll try harder, God.

Jesus, use me to love others.

Point #1

If your worldview is centered on the truth that Jesus is supreme and sufficient (your Everything), then your prayers, actions, and speech will reflect that.

Colossians 4:2

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with *thanksgiving*.

Colossians 1:3

We always *thank* God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you.

Colossians 1:12

...giving *thanks* to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in *thanksgiving*.

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with *thankfulness* in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving *thanks* to God the Father through Him.

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Point #2

Being thankful is essential if we want Christ to be our "Everything," all of the time.

We express thankfulness in prayer! Prayer also helps us to be watchful for opportunities God gives us.

Colossians 4:3-4

At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

Point #3

Our prayers should also include prayers for the effective witness of others.

The world needs the supreme and all-sufficient Jesus.

Colossians 4:5-6

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Point #4

Our dealings with non-believers must be bold and also full of grace. We don't have time to leave Jesus out of our conversations completely. Be watchful in prayer! Be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Scenario 1

Your coworker says, "I'm stressed out, I hate my job, and I have no idea why I am here."

Scenario 2

A relative posts on Facebook, "I'm going to be a new dad! It's exciting and terrifying!"

Scenario 3

Your son gets a new X-Box and proclaims, "This is the best day ever!"

Scenario 4

You are waiting at the doctor and the lady next to you tells you she has cancer.

Questions for Reflection

Am I walking every day with a sense of thankfulness toward Christ?

Are we, as a church, seeking wisdom and opportunity to boldly and respectfully declare that Christ is supreme and all-sufficient?