

CHRIST OVER ALL

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NAMING THE CORNERSTONE CHURCH

We are called the Cornerstone Church because Jesus is the Cornerstone.

- Isaiah 28:16; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11; 1 Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:4-7

If we ever need to change our name, I suggest:

- Church of Christ Our King
- Because Christ is King - supreme over all things.

CHRIST OUR KING

The Book of Revelation reveals that Jesus Christ is the supreme ruler of the world.

- *Revelation 1:5 (CSB) ... from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth.*
- *Revelation 11:15 (CSB) The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.*
- *Revelation 17:14 (CSB) the Lamb will conquer them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings.*
- *Revelation 19:16 (CSB) he has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

With that in mind, I'd like us to explore what it means for our lives that Jesus Christ is King.

Open a Bible to Revelation 12.

BEFORE WE READ REVELATION 12

Revelation 12 contains a vision of the current situation of the world/church.

- Conflict one: The devil fought a battle in heaven and lost when Jesus ascended to heaven.
- The devil is on earth, still fighting God by attacking God's people. But we are protected by God.

The cast of characters:

- The woman is God's people.
- The dragon is the devil.
- The Son is the Messianic King who rules the nations, Jesus.

Read Revelation 12.

THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the supreme ruler over all things:

Verse 10: *"The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have NOW come ..."*

- He is Christ the King NOW.

Ephesians 1:20-22 (CSB) He (God) exercised this power in Christ by raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens — 21 far above every ruler and authority, power and dominion, and every title given, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he subjected everything under his feet and appointed him as head over everything ...

- Christ's present rule is not limited to the church or our personal spiritual life, but extends everywhere and to everything,
- Abraham Kuyper (1837–1920) said: *"There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, 'Mine!'"*

RESPONDING TO THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

What are the practical implications of the supremacy of Christ?

- One word: Influence.
- In the online world, an influencer is someone with so many followers that whatever they wear, eat, use, or do influences many people to do the same.

King Jesus wants us to be his influencers, representing him to the world.

- And that has two results:
 - We will influence people to follow King Jesus as God and Savior - that's called *making disciples*. We share the gospel worldwide.
 - We will influence people to adopt Kingdom values because that's what's best for the world. That's called *culture building*. (Examples: Media, Education, healthy Christian community).
- Following King Jesus is not only a private matter. Each of us has a sphere of influence, whether at home, at work, in the church, or in the community. We can project his sovereignty into every circle where we have influence. We should live Christ, speak Christ, and spread Christ.

WE'RE IN A BATTLE, BUT JESUS ALREADY WON

The best reason to stand firm in faith without compromise is the supremacy of Christ over all things.

- Therefore, stand firm in the faith and be an influencer.
- Remember: "... *the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have now come*" (Revelation 12:10, CSB).
- Christ is supreme. He sustains us. He protects us. He strengthens us to prevail. And he has put us here, in this place, at this time, to be influencers.

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Review

- Review Peter's November 16th teaching and study guide. For more resources, visit www.famousgod.com/small-groups.
- What were the main insights of Peter's teaching?
- What questions do you have about the passage or Peter's teaching?
- What were the main applications or takeaways for your life?

Discuss

- How does Christ's universal supremacy influence your thinking about or involvement in your community, the public square, politics, work, sports, the arts, leisure, and your purpose in life?
- How might Christ's supremacy influence parents' long-term goals for their children? How can families make "training and instruction in the Lord" the main priority over other ambitions like sports, academics, or personal achievements?
- Revelation 12 describes spiritual conflict between God's people and the devil. In light of Christ's victory and reign, how would you advise someone who feels spiritually oppressed?
- Do you affirm that Christ is King, the ruler of the world, and your Lord? What holds people back from embracing this truth fully in their hearts and actions?

Prayer Focus

- Pray for group members and the Cornerstone family to submit to King Jesus and continue to be influencers, making disciples and building a Kingdom culture.