**Supreme** *(Graphic)*

Part 1 & 2: **Supremacy of Christ**

Only Jesus can do what he does because no one else had done what he did.

Part 3: **Being rooted in Christ**

 Being rooted in Christ is the continued work of the Christian life.

**Deception in the church**

(Colossians 2:6-7)

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

(Colossians 2:8)

“See to it that **no one takes you captive** through hollow and **deceptive philosophy**, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this **world** rather than on **Christ**.”

Recognizing the ***real*** or ***fake*** gospel: *(Keep title on each point’s slide)*

1. Different **source** *(For each point show point first, then each scripture…on same slide)*

(2 Peter 1:16) “For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”

(2 Peter 2:3) “In their greed these teachers will exploit you with **fabricated** stories.”

1. Different **message**

(2 Peter 1:3) “His divine power **has given us everything we need** for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.”

(2 Peter 2:1) “But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They **secretly** introduce **destructive heresies**, even denying the sovereign Lord”

1. Different **character**

(2 Peter 1:5-7) \*\***True** believers pursue goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, kindness and love. (*summarized)*

The **counterfeit** believer is marked with arrogance and slander (2:10), are greedy (2:14), also despise authority (2:10).

1. Different **fruit**

(2 Peter 1:8) “For if you possess these qualities [goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, love] they will keep you from being **ineffective** and **unproductive**”

(2 Peter 2:17) “These people are **springs** without **water**.”

(Matthew 7:15-20)

“**Watch out** for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious **wolves**. By their **fruit** you will recognize them.”

Falling into false teaching: *(list one at a time)*

1. Focusing on **style** over **substance**.
2. **Biblical illiteracy** hinders discerning truth from error.
3. Not recognizing the **fruit**.

Following the true gospel: *(List all three at once)*

1. Focus on **substance** over style.
2. Measure everything with **Scripture**.
3. Look for **fruitfulness**.

**Simple Math**: False teaching is anything that attempts to add, subtract, multiply, or divide anything from the **gospel**.

Jesus + Nothing = **Everything**