**Supreme** *(Graphic)*

**Supreme-** highest ranking, all authority, the ultimate one, the final word.

**Christ is supreme:**

1. As **savior**.

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

1. As **first born**.

*Jesus took the judgement so that we can have mercy.*

1. As **creator**.

*Your purpose is determined by your designer.*

**Supremacy of Christ, part II**

(Colossians 1:15-17)

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

**Christ is supreme:**

1. As head of the **church**

(Colossians 1:18)

“**And he is the head of the body, the church**; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the **supremacy**.”

Just as the physical body needs **direction** and **guidance** from the head, **Christ is the head of the church** and directs and guides the body.

(Romans 12:4-5)

“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not have the same function, so **in Christ** we, though many, **form one body**, and each member belongs to each other.”

(1 Corinthians 12:12)

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its **many parts form one body**, so it is with **Christ**.”

(1 Corinthians 12:18)

“But in fact **God** has placed the parts of the body, **every one of them**, just as **he wanted** them to be.”

(1 Corinthians 12:25-27)

“so that **there should be no division in the body**, but that its parts should have **equal** concern for each other. If **one** part suffers, **every** part suffers with it; if **one** part is honored, **every** part rejoices with it. Now **you are the body of Christ**, and each one of you is a part of it.”

The church **makes room** for all generations, all races, all people and through Jesus we are **united together as one**.

**Christ is supreme:**

1. As **restorer**

(Colossians 1:19-20)

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to **reconcile to himself all things**, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making **peace** through his **blood**, shed on the cross.”

God has made a way for us to **restore a right relationship** with him and now **peace** is **possible**.

(1 Corinthians 5:17-21)

“Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here**! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of **reconciliation**: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, **not counting people’s sin against them**. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation**. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors**, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: **Be reconciled to God**. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

We are now the **resident representatives of God** that proclaim the message of **restoration**.