

SERMON NOTES

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The Unifying Supremacy of Christ

BECOMING CHRISTLIKE

*BEING [HEART], **THINKING [MIND]** & DOING [BODY]*
[A PERSONAL REFLECTION]

Conviction of a Disciple:

A disciple sets their life in alignment with Christ, the true image of God and head of the Church. Everything we are and everything we do flows from His supremacy, His sufficiency, and His sustaining love.

OVERVIEW

In a noisy world filled with competing voices and ideologies, the Church is called to tune itself to one clear and trustworthy note: Christ Himself. He is not one voice among many, but the eternal Word through whom all things were made and in whom all things hold together. When we align our lives with Him, we discover our true purpose as the Body of Christ.

ACTION

Step 1: What voices in your life compete for your attention and allegiance?

Step 2: How does recognising Christ's supremacy change the way you view the Church and your place in it?

Step 3: Where do you need to "retune" your heart, mind, or priorities this week?

THOUGHT

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 1:15–20

Imagine an orchestra where every musician is tuning their instrument to the person beside them. Each one means well. Each one is trying to sound right. But if even one person is out of tune, the whole room fills with noise instead of music. The result is chaos—frantic movement that looks like a symphony, but sounds like confusion.

The same is true for us as the Church. When we tune our lives to each other, to culture, or to our own set of preferences, we may find agreement with our neighbour, but not alignment with Christ. We may be “in tune” with the world, but out of tune with the Spirit. True harmony begins when the Church tunes itself to a single source – not a political party, not a denomination or tradition – but the person of Jesus Christ, our true-toned tuning fork, the true head of His body, the Church.

The hymn at the beginning of Colossians (1:15-23) shows us who this Christ is: the true image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, the One through whom all things were made and in whom all things hold together. This is not just theological poetry—it’s an invitation to reorient everything around Him. This means when we desire to know what God is like, we look at Jesus. He is the exact representation of the Father (Heb 1:3). But too often, we can find ourselves leaning away from this true image and toward ideas, ideologies, and even stylistic preferences as the anchor of our lives. This shift can be subtle, and over time, we can conflate our personal worldview with that of Christ and His kingdom. We can end up creating a God in our image instead of allowing our lives to be remade into His, allowing his life and rule to be our supreme marker and standard.

To speak of Christ’s supremacy is to confess that no ideology, label, or identity can sit beside Him. It means we stop adding adjectives to “Christian” – no “progressive,” no “conservative,” no “Pentecostal.” Just Christ. It means surrendering our preferences and postures, our categories and tribes, and learning again what it means to be the Church whose life flows from the Head. Importantly, this doesn’t negate the differences within the Body. God’s wisdom is made visible inside of our vast diversity (Eph 3:10). Unity is not the same as uniformity. Too often, however, our points of difference, rather than our oneness under Christ, become the markers of our identity.

Spiritual formation into Christlikeness, then, is not about gathering around an echo chamber of our favourite ideas, but about a whole-life re-tuning to the life of Christ. It’s the constant, daily act of listening for the clear note of Christ’s voice in the midst of cultural static and learning to align our hearts with His. As we do, something miraculous can happen: the noise quiets, the fragmented pieces hold together, and the Church begins to sound like music again – the kind of harmony that only comes when every instrument and note bends toward Christ and His unifying presence and love.

DISCUSSION

[A GROUP REFLECTION]

- 1) What does it mean for Christ to be “the head” of the Church in practical terms for us?
- 2) How can we begin to recognise when our lives are being tuned to culture instead of to Christ?
- 3) What might unity and harmony look like if we all tuned to the same source?

PRAYER

Jesus,
We confess together that You are the true image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. Tune our hearts to Your voice, quiet the noise within us, and bring Your Church into unity under Your headship. Teach us to die to those things that lead us away from your unifying love. May everything we are and everything we do flow from You as our true Lord and King.
Amen.