

God-Centered Prayer: Praying in and for the Supremacy of Jesus Christ

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. 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.
Colossians 1:15-18

Supremacy:
*proteuo- to hold first place,
preeminence, first in rank*

Jesus is to be supreme in
our lives and in the earth

Identity in Christ & Inheritance of Christ

The apostle Paul's motif and the most used phrase in the new testament is- "In Christ"
(over 200 times)

It can be said that Paul's gospel is primarily a "positional" or "genetic" gospel

Who you are "in"
determines who you are

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man(Adam),
and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all
sinned
Romans 5:12

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one
man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by
the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.
Romans 5:15

And because of him(Father) you are in Christ Jesus, who became to
us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and
redemption,
1 Corinthians 1:30

Prayer is empowered when
we pray from “position” and
not from “performance”

It is vital that we fill our hearts with biblical revelations about who we are in Christ- which will lead to empower living and praying

Praying in the identity of Christ needs to be joined with praying for the inheritance of Christ

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
Psalm 2:8

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,..
Psalm 24:1a

Paul prayed inspired by the inheritance of Christ-

... having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,..
Ephesians 1:18

You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

James 4:2-4

When our prayers are filled with the Supremacy of Christ they become alive with the power of the Holy Spirit

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

John 16:13,14