"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. ***He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation****, for through Him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through Him and for Him.*
He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is His body. ***He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So He is first in everything.*** *For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through Him God reconciled everything to Himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross."* Colossians 1:15–20 NLT

Jesus Christ is Supreme Over All

We have many core principles that work in our lives because we are Christians. We have the opportunity to handle truth and our faith that governs the kingdom of God. **The focus we must always keep as our priority, is Christ Himself, the Supreme of all in our lives.**

Definition: Supreme is "highest in rank or authority" or "highest in degree or quality." In essence, there is none better. The supreme of something is its ultimate.

Jesus is the ultimate in power, glory, authority, and importance.

The Christian journey begins with salvation and moves to renewing our minds by His Word. A Christ-like life is formed and discipleship is embraced. This is when the Lordship of Christ is realized and His supremacy is recognized and the joy His rule is final. (Matt. 28:18)

The wonderful reality is the fact that we belong to Him fully and completely and as our One who is supreme, with Him all things are possible and because of His compassion for you.

He is _____! (Matthew 8:1-3)

Call on Him, the Supreme One is there for you!

Core Point: We have many core convictions at work in our lives because we are Christians, but we have no greater core than Christ Himself. The focus we must always keep is the supremacy of Christ Himself, the reason for all things in life.

Jesus Himself Must Be Our Greatest Prize of All

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then ***in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field****. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who,* ***on finding one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it****.* Matthew 13:44-46

I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ***Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord****. I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I may have Christ.* Philippians 3:7-8 (NLT)

The very _____ of Christianity is Christ first in all.

All of life should be an expression of our **union** with Christ.

All of life should be lived to accomplish the **purposes** of Christ.

All of life should be a **demonstration** of the life of Christ.

All of life should be aimed at **expressing** the glory of Christ.

When Christ ***who is your life*** *appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory*. Colossians 3:4

Choose ***to love the Lord your God*** *and to obey Him and commit yourself to Him,* ***for He is your life.*** Deuteronomy 30:20

What or Whom we place at **the throne of our hearts** will control every decision and action of our lives.

God has given us eternal life, and ***this life is in His Son.*** *He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.* 1 John 5:11-12

Communion - A Life Connection with Christ 1 Cor. 11:23-34

Communion is not a simple remembrance, but a bold _____ of Christ's work for us and new life in us.

"*In remembrance of Me*," is a **command to keep Christ as our Supreme in all of our life.** As we receive communion **we are to inspect our lives** and see if we are focused on Christ as supreme in our life.
But let a man ***examine himself****, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.* 1 Corinthians 11:28

Core Statement: I declare that Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord of all, in my life. He is the Supreme One, and I see His ability and willingness to rule in every area of my life!