

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

No Other Name, It's All About You, Beautiful Savior, Jesus at the Center

WELCOME

Truth Behold. Briefly share one fake news you encountered and how you came to know the truth about it.

WORD

COLOSSIANS 2:6–7

⁶Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk in Him**, ⁷ having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and **overflowing with gratitude**.

Fake news is trending lately here and there, causing doubt in what we think we know and what we think we believe in.

Fake news is not new. The very first fake news in history goes far back in the book of Genesis in the Garden of Eden where Satan crafted a conversation with Eve saying that she would surely not die if she eats the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (3:1–5). Satan's fake news then is the same counterfeit message today but in different forms, telling people that we can take the place of God in our life, create our own system of good and bad without consequences.

The opposite of fake news is the truth and the truth is that Christ is supreme. If we believe that Christ is supreme in our life, we should live out this truth then share it to people who need to know Him.

LIVE THE TRUTH

Paul struggled in prayer for the early believers in Colossae and the nearby churches to stick to the truth (Colossians 2:1) because various false belief systems were pulling them away from the truth of Christ.

Paul's prayer to the Colossians is also relevant to us today. His prayer is for us to grow in the truth that Christ is supreme over all the situations in our lives. This means that because He is in control, our future is secure in His hands. He knows what He is doing. He can cause all things, even disappointments to work together for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

Whatever situation we are in today does not change the fact that Christ reigns supreme.

Therefore, we should be encouraged, knit together in love and fully assured of our salvation. It is Christ who knits us together in love. Whenever we experience the

love of Christ, we are able to love Him in return and love others as well with His unconditional love.

The more we know about the supremacy of Christ, the more we will be in awe and in love with Him, and the more we will joyfully obey Him. By growing and standing in the truth about the supremacy of Christ, no one would delude us with persuasive arguments. Fake news will, sooner or later, be exposed by the truth.

FAKE NEWS VS. TRUTH

The best way to answer fake news is to look for the truths found in God's Word.

Fake News: *All religions are the same. They can all lead you to heaven.*

The Truth: *"And there is salvation in no one else; there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." - Acts 4:12*

Fake News: *There is no need for Christ; just be a good person and that is enough to get you to heaven.*

The Truth: *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." - John 14:6*

Fake News: *This is my life and I am in charge. I can make it on my own. I am the captain of my ship and the master of my destiny. If it is to be, it is up to me.*

The Truth: *"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for **apart from Me you can do nothing**." - John 15:5*

Fake News: *Jesus was nothing more than a great teacher and a good man.*

The Truth: *"For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things*

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have been created through Him and for Him. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.”
- **Colossians 1:1; 2:9**

Fake News: *Because Jesus died, everybody will automatically go to heaven, even if they do not put their faith in Him.*

The Truth: *“that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.”* – **Romans 10:9–10**

Fake News: No one can really be sure they are saved and have eternal life.

The Truth: *“He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.”* – **1 John 5:11–13**

Fake News: If I marry the man or woman of my dreams, land my dream job and make my financial targets, my life will be complete.

The Truth: *“and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority...”*
- **Colossians 2:10.**

SHARE HIS TRUTH

Do not be led astray from a simple and pure devotion to Christ. Our way of living shows what we are believing. Our daily obedience to His Word is the evidence that He is truly supreme in our life. What will attract people to the truth of Christ is usually what they see in our life, our right living as followers of Him. If Jesus is truly supreme in our life, we will walk with Him with overflowing gratitude to share the truth with others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. **Walk in the Truth.** What is the byproduct of receiving Jesus as our Lord according to **Colossians 2:6–7**?
2. **Fake to Faith.** What fake news did you initially believe to be true then later on found out to be untrue about Jesus?
3. **Truth-telling.** How do you live out the truth of the supremacy of Christ? How can you share this truth to others?

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PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

If Christ is supreme in your life, part of living His truth is to share it with people who need to know about Him. Share it with the people in your pray-care-share list and even perhaps with a young believer who has yet to grow in his/her maturity in Christ.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends