

The Supremacy of Jesus Christ as compared to all other Religions.

Philippians 2:5-11

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death--
even death on a cross!*

*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

Some years ago I read an article in a prominent magazine with this title: “Why disturb other people in their religious Faith?” Many Christians hold to this opinion because according to statistics only 10% of Christians are actively witnessing for Christ. Here in Indonesia it is far easier to witness for Christ than in Europe. Many Europeans consider religion something private and they don’t want to talk about it in public.

What are some reasons that the Christians do not share the Gospel openly to non-believers?

- 1. Personal shyness of character.**
- 2. Fear of what others will say or how others will respond.**
- 3. A basic belief that all religions provide a way of salvation and that Christianity offers one of several ways to heaven.**
- 4. Policy of schools and places of work where active witnessing is discouraged or forbidden.**
- 5. Government policy discouraging aggressive evangelism or laws of the land that do not allow people to change their religion.**

6. **Not convinced that all Christians are called to witness for Christ, and that evangelizing is basically the task of the pastors and evangelists.**
7. **A belief that a believer needs a special call from God to be a witness for Christ.**

I like to mention seven matters from the Scripture that clearly shows the supremacy of Jesus Christ as compared to other founders of major religions.

1. Christ is the Supreme Religious leader known to this earth.

Judged by any standard, Christ's love, labors, life, teaching, power, program, death and resurrection never had and never will have a parallel.

2. **CHRIST OFFERS THE SUPREME REVELATION OF GOD TO MAN**
Only Christ among all religious founders of the world, reveals God to us a Divine Father.
And only Christianity has given the world a Bible, the Word of God, which has transformed every nation accepting it.
3. **CHRIST ALONE, AMONG ALL OTHER RELIGIOUS FOUNDERS OFFERS COMPLETE ATONEMENT FOR SIN.**
In all other religions man attempts to offer atonement to God. In Christianity God sends His own Son to make a perfect and complete atonement for the sins of all mankind.
4. **CHRIST NOT ONLY OFFERS ETERNAL LIFE TO ALL WHO ACCEPT IT, BUT PRESENTS THE SUPREME WAY OF LIVING IN THIS LIFE FOR EVERY MAN.**
Every man should live as if God were his Heavenly Father and every man on earth were his brother – that is the supreme way to live.
5. **CHRIST OFFERS THE MOST TRIUMPHANT WORLD PROGRAM EVER PRESENTED BY ANY LEADER OF MEN.**
Christ did not use, or seek to use, superior force, wisdom, state-Craft, science, organization or propaganda. On the contrary, He relied upon 5 simple but sublime spiritual forces:
* A new understanding of the needs and possibilities of all men,

each individual.

- * A new sympathy and love for all men that knew no boundaries of race or nations or condition.
 - * A new form of service – unselfish service for the needy, broken, suffering world.
 - * A new form of presenting the truth of God. His truth must be inwardly realized and outwardly lived as well as spoken and written.
 - * A new form of sacrifice—living life given in loving service to Others.
6. **CHRIST OFFERS THE SUPREME HOPE OF HEAVEN AND IMMORTALITY KNOWN TO THE WORLD.**

John 14:1-8;

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

2 Corinthians 4:16 to 5:11

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing

what is to come. Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.

Romans 8:18-21

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.¹⁹ The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

7. CHRIST WILL REIGN SUPREME ONE DAY OVER THE ENTIRE CREATION

- Already Jesus has triumphed over 5 great enemies – over Satan in the wilderness, over the world, over the flesh in the garden, over sin on the cross, and over death in the resurrection
- But all the peoples, tongue, and tribes will also bow before Him
Philippians 2:8-12

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- *All creation finally will be brought into harmony with His divine will*

Revelation 5:12-15

They sang a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

CHRIST IS SUPREME! HE WILL REIGN SUPREMELY FOR EVER AND EVER. ALL CREATION WILL BOW DOWN BEFORE HIM AND WORSHIP HIM FOR EVER AND EVER.

SO WE GO OUT FROM HERE AND WITNESS FOR CHRIST FROM DAY TO DAY. NO NEED TO FEAR OR BE SHY. WE GO OUT BOLDLY IN HIS NAME AND IN HIS NAME THERE IS VICTORY AND POWER AND GLORY AND SALVATION AND FORGIVENESS AND JOY AND PEACE AND TRUE SATISFACTION.

