

# THE CENTRALITY OF CHRIST

Have you ever heard of centripetal force?

What is the difference between it and centrifugal force?

Centripetal force moves things towards the center of rotation.

Centrifugal force moves things away from the center of rotation.

# FOR THIS DEMONSTRATION YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ *A Penny*
- ❖ *A hex nut*
- ❖ *Two clear or white balloons*
- ❖ *A tall container with a rope attached*
- ❖ *Some water*

Place the penny inside the balloon and blow it up and tie off the end. Now shake the penny slightly and produce a trilling motion with your hand until the penny is rolling around the inside of the balloon. The penny does not fall but continues to roll around due to centripetal force.

Now try this with the hex nut. What happens?

Now take your tall container and spin it around in a circle in front of you. If you continue the spinning motion, what will the container do?

If you stop the motion over your head, what will it do?

That is right, it will fall!

Now pour some water into the container.

If you spin the container now over your head and around  
what happens to the water?



If you stop the motion over your head, what will the water do?

It will not fall out of the container. Yes it will fall but so will the container at the same rate.

Remember, we did this experiment before with a water jug that had holes in the side. When we held the jug, water would pour out the holes, but when we dropped the jug, the water stopped to pour out while we were in free fall.

Now back to our lesson.

Centripetal force moves things towards the center.

In our Christian life we have a center, that is Jesus Christ.

Even in our name, “Christian” we see Christ.

Why is Christ the center (or the centrality)  
of the Christian's life?

Let's read these texts and see:

John 14:6

Hebrews 3:1

Acts 4:12

Galatians 3:16

1 Corinthians 1:30

2 Corinthians 1:20

Colossians 3:17

Colossians 1:15–17