

Col203 – Reconciler of All Things - Colossians 1:19-23

Last wk we looked at the Supreme Preeminence of Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is BEFORE ALL things

& He is ABOVE ALL things

Jesus Christ is fully “God In Expression” to Man

& we tried to make it clear – that BECAUSE of

WHO Jesus Christ Truly IS - &

WHAT Jesus Christ has Truly DONE

That His Sacrifice ALONE –

was able to RECONCILE us to God

To Be Reconciled is

To bring back to a former state of harmony

& I want you to KNOW

That GOD - is the AUTHOR & the FINISHER

of US being Reconciled to Him

of US being brought back to a former state of harmony with Him

2 Corinthians 5:18 (ESV)

18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself . . .

Jesus Christ is the Reconciler of All Things

Let's Pray

Let's start w/ a little REVIEW from last week

Colossians 1:19 (NLT)

19 For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,

God in all his fullness . . . lived in Christ

the word "FULLNESS" means;

"Inherently & Permanently filled"

**ALL the Fullness of God – Lives Inherently & Permanently
IN Jesus Christ**

**It MEANS - the Father DID NOT "GIVE"
the fullness of God to Jesus**

But, instead

God in all his fullness - Inherently & Permanently lives in Christ

THAT is a HUGE Deal - when we're talking about

**WHO Jesus Christ Truly IS - &
WHAT Jesus Christ has Truly DONE**

So – let's read Vs's 19-20 together

Colossians 1:19–20(a) together (NLT)

***19 For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,
20 and through him God reconciled everything to himself . . .***

Jesus Christ is The FULLNESS of GOD

Reconciling ALL THINGS – BACK TO - The FULLNESS of God

Because there was NO OTHER WAY

Because **NO OTHER** - *Philosophy, Ideology,* or *Religion,*
can reconcile us **BACK** to the **FULLNESS of God**

It **took** the **FULLNESS of God** – *In Christ*
To **RECONCILE ALL THINGS** – *BACK to God*

Jesus Reconciled all things - “**BACK to God**”

Because **God** created **MAN** - & **ALL CREATION**
In **Perfect HARMONY** with Him

& then – **Came SIN** - & the **Fall of MAN**
& the **CURSE of Sin** on this **World**

& - The **FULLNESS of GOD** – in **Jesus Christ**

Has **RECONCILED Man** - & **ALL of Creation**
BACK to that **former** state of **Perfect Harmony** with **GOD**

In a **PRACTICAL Sense** - that **Reconciliation**

is still **IN THE PROCESS** of **Being Accomplished**
Practically – it is still IN PROCESS

BUT POSITIONALLY (in a **POSITIONAL** Sense)
IT – IS – FINISHED !!

Then - Just as a SIDE NOTE – to VS 20(a)

When **v.20** says

through Christ God reconciled everything to himself

This **does NOT mean** (unfortunately)

that **ALL people** will be **automatically** - **Reconciled to God**

The **OFFER** – to be **Reconciled to God**

is **ABSOLUTELY** for **ALL PEOPLE**

But the **Bible** is **clear** – **Being Reconciled to God**

comes THRU Your **FAITH** in **Jesus** - as **your Savior**

John 3:16 says: ***For God so loved the world that he gave his only son*** (that's the **offer** to **ALL people**)

BUT then **the Vs** says – ***that whosoever BELIEVES in him*** (puts their faith in him) ***would NOT perish but HAVE everlasting life***

THAT is **the condition** to YOU **RECEIVING**

this **Reconciliation to God**

WHY? - - Because **THRU** Your **Faith** in Jesus

You are **IDENTIFIED WITH** – (Made One With)

WHO Jesus **IS** - &

WHAT Jesus has **DONE** – **ON YOUR BEHALF**

Jesus Christ CAME to Earth

To MAKE PEACE – between a Fallen, Sinful World,
and a Holy & Just God

As Colossians 1:20(b) says (NLT)

20 . . . He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

When SIN entered this World – All of Creation
was Separated from God - BY the Curse of Sin

The Bible says – By our Sin, we became HOSTILE to God

& What Jesus Christ has done – in his Life, Death, and Resurrection
Is to MAKE PEACE - FOR US - with God

NOT ONLY between US & God
But ALSO between this Fallen World & God

ALL things (*including creation*) are Reconciled - Back to God
THRU the Person & the Work of Jesus Christ

Romans 8:19–21 (NLT)

19 For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.

20 Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope,

21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.

Jesus is the Reconciler of ALL THINGS !!!

& **ALL** of **Creation** is **Waiting Eagerly** for the **Day**
When that **Reconciliation** - will be **Completely Accomplished**

Again - **Colossians 1:20** says – *God made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s [sacrifice] on the cross*

But the **REAL** – **PERSONAL** – **GOOD NEWS**
Is in Vs. 21

Colossians 1:21 (NLT)

21 This includes you who were once **far away** from God. You were his **enemies**, **separated** from him by your evil thoughts and actions.

The Phrase “**far away**” is **LIT** - “**ALIENATED**”

& it is in the **Perfect Tense** – meaning

you were **Permanently Alienated**
Permanently Separated from God – **Because of Your SIN**

& **You** had **NO Possible Way**
to **Correct** the **Sin Problem**

& **Not only** were you **SEPARATED** from **God** by your **Sin**
But you **were** also **HIS ENEMY**

Romans 8:7 (NLT)

7 For the sinful nature is always hostile to God . . .

BY your fallen sin nature – AND by your Actions

You were **permanently Separated** from God

BUT – In Jesus Christ - “The Fullness of God”

has **Reconciled** you **BACK to Himself**

He has brought you back - to a former state of harmony

That you were originally created FOR

HOW has Jesus RECONCILED us?

& **WHAT** is the **RESULT**?

Colossians 1:22 (NLT)

22 Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body (that’s how). As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. (that’s the result)

Jesus Christ has reconciled us

Through his death in a physical body

Jesus had to come - in a physical body

in **order** to **die in our place** . . . **There** was **no other way** !

Romans 6:23 (NLT) →

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23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Because God is FIRST

Perfectly HOLY, RIGHTEOUS, & JUST

The Penalty for our sin - had to be PAID

It CANNOT be simply overlooked

& there was no one on earth

who could PAY that Penalty on our Behalf

& so – the FULLNESS of God came

in the Person of Jesus Christ

to pay that full & complete Penalty

ON OUR BEHALF - & IN OUR PLACE

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

The FULLNESS of God came – to TAKE ON our sin

& to Pay the Full & Complete Penalty for it

SO THAT we could be made right with God through Christ.

& We are MADE RIGHT with God

Because the Penalty for OUR Sin

Has been PAID IN FULL – TETELESTAI – it is Finished

& **BECAUSE Jesus Christ** has **paid** our **Full Debt**
IN our Place – ***JUST as IF we had Paid it***

When God looks at Us

He **sees** the **Perfect Righteousness** of **Jesus Christ**

Guys - **We don't need "Higher Spiritual Knowledge"**
We need to be **Reconciled** to a **HOLY GOD**

& the **Fullness of God**, in **Jesus Christ** – **Came to earth**
AS the **Reconciler of All Things**

& **Jesus TOOK** our **Sin** - & **DIED** in our place
to **PAY** the **Full & Complete Penalty** for **OUR Sin**

So that He could **PRESENT US** before **God**
Holy, Blameless, & Without a Single FAULT

(again) Colossians 1:22 (NLT)

22 Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

Jesus Christ **died for you** – in **order** to **BRING You**
into **God's Own Presence**

& to **PRESENT you to God**
HOLY – BLAMELESS – WITHOUT A SINGLE FAULT

Jesus Christ doesn't just "get us in" to Heaven

He Presents us

HOLY before God

BLAMELESS before God

WITHOUT A SINGLE FAULT before God

& that Phrase *"Without a Single Fault"*

MEANS - *NOT EVEN ABLE TO BE ACCUSED*

Jesus Christ is the Reconciler of ALL Things

And he is the ONLY ONE who can RECONCILE US to God

That is what WE REALLY NEED

is to be made right – to be Reconciled – to God

Don't be duped into chasing after

Some other form of Spirituality OR Religion

Because there is nothing else – in all of creation

That can compare to

WHO Jesus Christ Truly IS – &

WHAT Jesus Christ has Truly DONE

Put your faith in Jesus - & Hold On To HIM !

STAND Firmly in your Faith

& DON'T Drift away from Your Assurance in Christ

BECAUSE - Colossians 1:23(a) (NLT)

23 But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News . . .

**Suddenly – we have a WARNING here
about our RECONCILIATION in CHRIST?**

**This is one of the “IF” verses in the N.T.
that tend to shake people up – (*which might be the goal*)**

Most Lit Translations = if indeed you continue in the faith

The Wuest expanded GK NT = assuming indeed that you are adhering to the Faith

The NLT's – “*But you must continue*” – is TRUE
But it doesn't get across the full idea

In the original – this is called a First Class Condition
which assumes that the premise is true for the sake of argument

In other words – Paul is ASSUMING - These Believers
WILL “Continue” & “Stand Firmly” & “Not Drift Away”

**PLEASE LISTEN to me closely as I deal with this
Because a LOT of people struggle with this**

**What we call - The ASSURANCE OF SALVATION
We SEE Very CLEARLY in the Bible**

Meaning – If you are **TRULY SAVED**
Then you are **PERMANENTLY SAVED**

BUT – **True Faith Includes** - **PERMANENCE**

Meaning – **IF your faith is REAL**

Then you will **CONTINUE IN IT**

Or you will **COME BACK TO IT** – if **you** have **slipped** away

& so – **In the Bible there is BOTH**

An ASSURANCE of your **TRUE SALVATION** – **AND**
A WARNING about a **SUPERFICIAL SALVATION**

Because TRUE FAITH is **Ultimately** - **Permanent Faith**

& So (again) Paul says – in **Colossians 1:23(a) (NLT)**

23 But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News . . .

Paul is **NOT implying** that we **can**
have salvation one day - then **lose it** the **next** day

But – the **ONLY one way** for **YOU to KNOW**

IF INDEED – you've been **Permanently Reconciled** to God
thru Faith in Jesus

**IS – IF INDEED - you continue to believe the truth of Jesus –
Standing FIRM in it - & NOT drifting away from the Assurance you
Received – Through FAITH**

& WHAT IF YOU ALREADY HAVE DRIFTED AWAY ?

**Then – THANK the Lord today
that you are still on This side of Eternity**

**Because you can come back to FAITH in Jesus
You can repent - be forgiven**

**& you can become one of those who
*continue in the faith, grounded & steadfast,
and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel (NKJ)***

I Say to you – What GOD says to you - in

2 Corinthians 5:19–20 (NLT)

19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

Let's Pray