Colossians: Solid Rock; Season 2 "Reconciled" (1:19-23)

1. God's Enemies in Need of Reconciliation (vs.20-21*)*

A. Man is at _____ with God; His enemy; ***Ja4:4; Rom3:10-18***

***Notice** vs.20; God had to reconcile us, and make peace w/ us; that shows we were enemies

B. God is…Holy; Just; Righteous; Good; Love – this makes Him mankind's _____

*Light wars against darkness; Love/Hate; ***WHY*** so many religions? _____

C. Man is…Alienated, Hostile, _____ (vs.21) ***Eph2:1-3; Rom8:7-8**

1. Alienated – cut-off ***(Eph2:12-13)***; Hostile in mind – hate God because evil deeds ***Jn3:19-20**

2. Because of how vile man is, there is a literal place called Hell, for God's enemies

2. God Reconciles Us to Himself (vs.20,22-23)

A. God comes after His enemy, out of _____, to reconcile us to Himself! ***Nah1:2; Eph5:6; Rom5:1,9**

*Reconciled; Gk. thoroughly, completely, totally changed to right relationship

B. God reconciles only through _____and His cross; NO other way to be right w/ God! ***Rom5:6-10**

1. Not universalism = that all are reconciled; but only by Christ can anyone be ***Matt25:41,46**

2. ***Remember** vs.15-19 – Jesus created ____ things in the heavens and the earth; He holds them ***ALL*** together (protons nucleus of atom), and _____ things were created by Him and _____ Him!

3. He, Jesus, died on a Cross of wood to give His life to pay for our sin and satisfy Father's wrath

***John10:17-18; Heb13:11-12; Phil2:6-8**

*A literal transaction in God's Court, paying in full, for my/your crimes against God

*Jesus took our place, the condemned, became condemned for us, suffering eternal Hell

4. Purpose: make us _____, blameless and beyond reproach – given Christ's righteousness, so set apart from sin (Holy); w/out blemish, and beyond accusation; we are clothed/covered w/ Christ!

2Cor5:21; All reconciled, Old/New T. *Example of Joshua the high priest – ***Zech3:1-4***

3. The Proof We Have Been Reconciled (vs.23)

A. Continuing in the faith, _____, NOT falling away; *endurance is evidence; ***1Jn2:19***

1. Endurance means we will face great and many trials ***(2Cor1:3-5; 2Cor12:9-10)***

*God shows us who He is, in real and practical ways; and then uses us with others!

2. God will give us more than we can handle ***(2Cor1:8-11)***

*He allows and brings great suffering so we learn not to trust in ourselves but Him!

B. Don't be moved from the hope of the _____ – grounded, established, steadfast on the Solid Rock!

1. ***Col3:16*** – the vital importance of God's Word

2. What happens when the gospel no longer moves us, motivates us, leaves us in awe/wonder?

Ex. Christopher Nolan (Batman series/Interstellar/Odyssey/etc.)

Prov27:7** – ***Novelty Saturation – so overly stimulated, we become numb to real beauty, and what's _____.

**We need to get in our Bibles and out in Creation and be amazed again at God!*

3. Remember the day God saved you! Remember what Christ, God did at the Cross!

***Deut6:10-12; Psalm78:40-42; ***share the gospel with yourself every day!!!*

C. Never get over the great love of God displayed to you at the _____! Rm3:23-26; ***2Cor5:14-21***