

“Cross Of Christ”
Colossians 1:19-23
7:00 PM Good Friday April 15, 2022

Luke 23:27-28

Theme of The Book of Colossians: Preeminence of Jesus Christ, Jesus is to be first in all things. The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Jesus Christ.

Verses 19-23 Jesus First In Redemption: (Source & Initiator)

Colossians 1:20 having made peace through the blood of His cross;

Peace - *“freedom from war, mental calm, state of harmony”*

Thought Of Our Passage: “Jesus The Son Of God, Reconciled Sinners To God Through His Death On The Cross”

- 1. Verses 19-20 Purpose Of The Cross**
- 2. Verses 21-23 Personal Need Of The Cross**

1. Verses 19-20 Purpose Of The Cross:

Colossians 1:19 For it was the Father's good pleasure Paul left off speaking about the preeminence of Jesus Christ. **The Theme of Colossians is “Jesus Is First”**

Jesus Is First In Revelation: Colossians 1:15

Jesus Is First In Creation: Colossians 1:16-17

Jesus Is First In The Church: Colossians 1:18

the Father's good pleasure *“to be pleased” “all the fullness”* It meant the *“sum total of all the divine power and attributes, fully God”* **John 1:16** Paul uses this term **eight times** in **Colossians**

Colossians 2:9-10

“dwell” the word means to *“take up residence”* and points to the incarnation.

Colossians 1:20 and through Him to reconcile the word **reconcile** – means to *“come to common ground, to get together, to align with each other, to change thoroughly from one position to another”*

“The Purpose of The Cross - To Reconcile Man/Sinners To God”

Four Elements Of Reconciliation With God:

1. **Reconciled To God By God - to "reconcile to Himself"** The focus is always to reconcile to God. **Romans 5:6; Galatians 1:4-5**
2. **Reconcile All Things To God - "all things."** Reconciliation involves the whole universe. **Romans 8:20-23**
3. **Reconciled To God Results In Peace - "peace"** Through Jesus, our hostility with God can end.

Peace With God – **Romans 5:1**
Peace Of God – **Philippians 4:7**

They both have their source in the God of peace. **Philippians 4:9**

4. **Reconciled To God Through The Death Of Jesus - through the blood of His cross;**
2 Corinthians 5:18-20

2. Verses 21-23 Personal Need Of The Cross:

Paul moves from the General to the Personal. Paul reminds us what we were like before we experienced peace with God

Colossians 1:21 And although you This describes every one of us (Mankind) **Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,**

Colossians 1:21-22 The Cross Declares That We Are Sinners:

Romans 3:23

you were formerly alienated – word means "*permanently estranged*"

hostile in mind – Our thinking, our attitudes, and thoughts. Our "minds" were at war with God. **Romans 8:7-8**

Wrong thinking leads to wrong living. engaged in evil deeds,

Our behavior was "evil" Bad thoughts lead to bad behavior. What's inside will come out. **Romans 3:10-18**

Colossians 1:22

God Took The Initiative - yet He has now reconciled you Notice who did the work. It was the offended party (God) that sought out the reconciliation.

Romans 6:23

Jesus Made Reconciliation Through His Death - in His fleshly body through death, (This is how)

1 Peter 2:24

1 Timothy 1:15

in order to present you before Him To "present" means to "*place before, or entrust*"

holy - in this context means to set aside to be dedicated to God.

1 Peter 1:14-16

blameless - (outward, external) the absence of all disfigurement

Philippians 2:15

and beyond reproach - Beyond blameless. It means not only that we are without blemish, but also that no one can bring a charge against us.

Romans 8:33

Verse 23 - Evidence Of Being Reconciled:

We are to continue in our faith. "continue" means to abide in.
John 8:31

We are to remain established in our faith, firmly established
This is the idea of "*laying a foundation*"

and steadfast, this speaks of being settled. (immovable)

Our minds - must feed on the Word.

Our hearts - are to focus on His love.

Our will - is to take its practice and pattern from Jesus.

We are to cling on to the hope of the Gospel and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard,

"moved away" can mean "*earthquake stricken*"

from the hope of the gospel - "*good news*" His death, burial, and resurrection

Colossians 1:28 And we proclaim Him,

Application: *What we need to know*

- 1. We Are Unholy Sinners, Separated From A Holy God: Romans 3:23**
- 2. Our Sins Have Earned Us Death: Romans 6:23**
- 3. Jesus Out Of His Great Love Paid For Our Sins: Romans 5:8**
- 4. We Must Place Our Faith In Jesus Christ Alone: Romans 10:9-10**