

“Peace Through The Cross”
Colossians 1:19-23
Good Friday April 10, 2009

Luke 23:27-28

Verses 19-23 – Jesus First In Redemption:

Col 1:20

The dictionary defines Peace - “Freedom from war, mental calm, law and order, state of harmony”

Romans 5:10

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1. Verses 19-20 – The Purpose Of The Cross:

What Fullness does Paul speak of? His Deity

1. The fullness of God dwells “in Him.” It was not around, upon, or under Him; rather it was in Him.
2. The word “dwell” means to “take up residence” and points to the incarnation.

Col. 2:9-10

3. The phrase “all His fullness” It meant the “sum total of all the divine power and attributes.”

John 1:16

Col 1:20

reconcile – means to “come to common ground, to get together”, “to align with each other”, “to change thoroughly from one position to another”

Paul establishes 4 elements about the reconciliation of Christ:

1. The Focus is - to "reconcile to Himself"

Romans 5:6

Gal 1:4-5

2. The Scope is - "all things"

Romans 8:20-23

3. The Result is - "peace"

a. Peace with God – Romans 5:1

b. Peace of God – Philippians 4:7

Philippians 4:9

4. The Means is - "through His blood, shed on the cross"

2 Cor. 5:18-20

2. Verses 21-23 – The Person And The Cross:

Paul moves from the general to the personal

Col 1:21

"And although you" – Ephesians 2:1 – And you were dead in your trespasses and sins

Romans 3:23

Alienated – word means "permanently estranged"

Col 1:20

hostile in mind – Our thinking, our attitudes and thoughts

Romans 8:7-8

engaged in evil deeds – We were sinners in practice

Romans 3:10-18

Col 1:22

1. It is a gift from God. yet He has now reconciled you

Romans 6:23

2. The gift was paid thru the death of Jesus. in His fleshly body through death,(This is how)

1 Peter 2:24

1 Tim. 1:15

1 Peter 1:14-16

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

Philippians 2:15

and beyond reproach - Beyond blameless

Romans 8:33

How are we to maintain the peace from the Cross? Paul tells us!

Col 1:23

1. We are to continue in our faith. if indeed you continue in the faith

John 8:31

2. We are to remain established and steadfast in our faith. Firmly established, this is the idea of "laying a foundation"

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

2 Peter 1:10

3. 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

What are you clinging to for the future? We need to believe in the promises of scripture; we need to place our hope and faith in the Word of God!

“moved away” can mean “earthquake stricken”

Col 1:28

Application:

1. We need to know that we are sinners, that we are separated from God. Rom. 3:23
2. Our sins have earned us death. Rom. 6:23
3. Jesus paid for our sins. Rom. 5:8
4. Turn our lives over to Him. Rom. 10:9-10

Rom. 8:32