

"Peace With God"
Colossians 1:19-23
7:00 PM Good Friday March 25, 2016

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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

Peace – "freedom from war, mental calm, state of harmony."

Romans 5:10

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

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

Colossians 1:19

What Fullness does Paul speak of? The Deity of Jesus Christ!

The fullness of God dwells "in Him." It was not around, upon, or under Him; rather it was in Him.

"dwell" – the word means to "take up residence", and points to the incarnation.

Colossians 2:9-10

The phrase "all His fullness", it meant the "sum total of all the divine power and attributes." Paul uses this term 8X in Colossians to show the believers that Jesus is the fullness of God, and no one else.

John 1:16

Colossians 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.”

“The Purpose of The Cross – To Reconcile Sinners To God.”

4 Elements Of Reconciliation With God:

- 1. Reconciled To God By God – to “reconcile to Himself”.** The focus is always to reconcile to God. The initiative and action must come from Him. Romans 5:6

Galatians 1:4

- 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 His blood, shed on the cross.”** Salvation is only through the sacrificial, substitutionary death of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

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

Paul moves from the General to the Personal.

Colossians 1:21

Ephesians 2:1

Colossians 2:21-22 – The Cross Declares That We Are Sinners.

Romans 3:23

"alienated" – word means "permanently estranged".

Colossians 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

Colossians 1:22

God Took The Initiative – "yet He has now reconciled you"

Romans 6: 23

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

1 Peter 2: 24

Notice – "fleshly body, wounds, death"; This was to go against these Gnostic teachers who taught that Jesus appeared to have a body.

This is called "Atonement" – "at-one-meant" through death.

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.

Romans 8: 33

How Are We To Maintain The Peace From The Cross? Paul tells us!

Colossians 1:23

We are to continue in our faith – “if indeed you continue in the faith”

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.

2 Peter 1:10

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”.

Application:

1. We need to know that we are sinners, that we are separated from God because He is holy and we are unholy. Romans 3:23
2. Our sins have earned us death. Romans 6:23
3. Jesus, out of His great love for us, has paid for our sins. Romans 5:8
4. Turn our lives over to Him; Jesus becomes Savior when we receive Him as Lord. Romans 10:9-10