

**Series "Jesus Is First"
"Reconciled With God"
Colossians 1:19-23
Part-4**

Salvation in the NT is described in 5 Important Words:

- 1. Justification** – The sinner stands before God guilty and condemned, but is declared righteous, **Romans 8:33**.
- 2. Redemption** – The sinner stands before God as a slave, but is granted freedom, **Romans 6:18-22**.
- 3. Forgiveness** – The sinner stands before God as a debtor, but the debt is paid and forgotten, **Ephesians 1:7**.
- 4. Adoption** – The sinner stands before God as a stranger but is made a son, **Ephesians 1:5**.
- 5. Reconciliation** – The sinner stands before God as an enemy, but becomes His friend, **2 Corinthians 5:18-20**.

**Colossians 1:15-18 – Jesus Is First In Eternity! Jesus Is First In Creation!
Jesus Is First In The Church!**

Now Verses 19-23 – Jesus Is First In Redemption.

Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus, The Fullness Of God, Reconciled All Things Through His Death, Making Us Holy, Blameless And Beyond Reproach."

- 1. Verses 19-20 – Reconciliation Made**
- 2. Verses 21-23 – Reconciliation Experienced**

1. Verses 19-20 – Reconciliation Made:

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 Eternity: Colossians 1:15

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

Jesus Is First In The Church: Colossians 1:18

"the Father's (God's) good pleasure" – "to be pleased"; It mentions several times in the Gospels, God being pleased with the Son! Matthew 3:17

Matthew 17:5

“for all the fullness to dwell in Him,” – The term “fullness” – was a term used in Gnostic literature.

“fullness” – “the totality of divine power and attributes is in Christ, the exhaustion of God.” Jesus is the full revelation of God! Read the Gospel, His Words!

Colossians 2:9-10

“to dwell in Him,” – speaks of “completely and permanently.”

Colossians 1:20

“and through Him to reconcile” – The word “reconcile” – means to “come to common ground, get together, to align with each other, to change an exchange” (no longer an enemy but now becomes His friend).

Reconciliation is Objective and Subjective. Objective – from God’s side, that the barrier of sin has been removed by the death of Jesus Christ. Romans 8:32; Romans 5:10; Ephesians 2:16

Subjective (Personal) – in that man must accept the reconciliation that God offers. Mark 1:14-15

John 8:24; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Acts 17:30

“all things” – 6X in the passage; “to Himself,”

The Bible does not teach “Universalism”; That in the end, even Satan will be saved! NO! Revelation 20:10-15

“all things” – “all things for whom reconciliation is possible.” Fallen angels, those that won’t repent will spend eternity in hell, Matthew 25:41, 46.

Not All People Will Be Reconciled To God: Philippians 3:18-19.

“having made peace through the blood of His cross;” – 1 Peter 1:18-19.

Jesus died as a “Sacrifice” and as “Substitute” – “Vicarious Sacrifice”; Jesus took the place of and punishment for us, the sinners, Romans 8:3.

“having made peace” – is the result of reconciliation with God.

Peace with God – Romans 5:1-2

“through Him, I say, whether things on earth” – Romans 8:20-23.

“or things in heaven.” – That the rebellion of Satan and the angels of heaven was a defilement, Job 4:18; 15:15; Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28.

2. Verses 21-23 – Reconciliation Experienced:

Colossians 1:21

Ephesians 2:1

The Need Of Christ’s Work: “alienated” – word means, “a consistent permanent condition, estranged, foreign.”

Active Opposition To God: “and hostile in mind” – “hateful, hateful towards God, resenting His holy standards, hate Him.”

Evil Deeds: “engaged in evil deeds,” – they were sinners in practice. The problem is not ignorance but willful love of sin – John 3:19-20.

Romans 3:10-12

Colossians 1:22

The Nature Of Christ’s Work: “yet He has now reconciled you” – Notice who did the work. It was the offended party (God) that sought out the reconciliation.

“in His fleshly body” – (This is how) It was a real flesh and blood body.

“through death,” – real death. Substitutionary death! This is called “Atonement”; At-One-Meant through death. Jesus was born that He might die. (Bethlehem and Calvary)

1 Timothy 1:15

The Purpose of Reconciliation: “in order to present you before Him” – Ephesians 5:27.

Believers are presented to God – Romans 14:10.

Believers are presented to Christ – 2 Corinthians 4:14.

Jude 1:24

“Holy” – (inward, internal) entire consecration to God, separated from sin – It is the believer’s relationship with God, as the opposite of a condemned, sinful world.

“and blameless” – (outward, external) the absence of all disfigurement, without defilement or blemish. Used of animals free from imperfections and acceptable as a sacrifice.

“and beyond reproach” – (upward, eternal) the impossibility of any accusation against him (un-reportable), not accused of any fault.

Verse 23 – Evidence Of Being Reconciled: Colossians 1:23.

This takes us back to Colossians 1:20-22, and through Him we are reconciled.

Colossians 1:22

“If (since) indeed you continue in the faith” – He is saying since you do this, it proves that you have been reconciled to God, 1 John 2:19.

We are not saved by continuing in the faith. But we continue in the faith and thus prove that we are saved, 2 Corinthians 13:5; 2 Peter 1:10.

“faith firmly established” – This is the idea of “laying a foundation”, Ephesians 2:20.

The word translated “moved away” can mean “earthquake stricken.”

Ephesians 4:13-15

“hope” – “It is a sure expectation of a future event.” It is a sure thing!

“of the gospel” – “good news.” What is this good news? It is preaching Him!

Colossians 1:28

John 14:6

Colossians 1:6 – “which has come to you, just as in all the world”

Natural Revelation – Psalms 19:1-4.

“minister” – means “to make dust, the idea of hurrying serving and making dust, a table waiter, what ever needs to be done.”

Application:

1. Through The Sacrificial Death Of Jesus, We Are No Longer An Enemy But Now We Have Become His Friend.
2. To Come To Know Jesus Is To Come To Know God. Colossians 1:19 – Fullness – “the totality of divine power and attributes is in Christ, the exhaustion of God” Jesus is the full revelation of God!
3. Reconciliation Is Both Objective And Subjective. Objective – In That God Has Removed The Barrier Of Sin Through The Death Of Jesus Christ. Subjective – In That Man By Faith Must Accept The Reconciliation That God Offers.
4. We Are Not Saved By Continuing In The Faith. But We Continue In The Faith And Thus Prove That We Are Saved.
5. Being Reconciled With God Produces A Desire To See Others Reconciled To God: 2 Corinthians 5:20.