

Jesus Christ And Reconciliation

Colossians 1:19-23

Intro:

- A. Jesus Christ is to have first place in all things. Vs. 18c
 - 1. Vs. 16 All things were created by Him.
 - 2. Vs. 17 He is eternal in His existence.
 - 3. Vs. 18 He is the Head of the church.
 - 4. Vs. 18 He is the firstborn from the dead.

- B. Vs. 19 He is not second-place in anything.
 - 1. "For it pleased the father that in Him should all fulness dwell:" (full nature of God)
 - 2. Full Grace dwells in Him!
 - 3. Full Mercy dwells in Him!
 - 4. Full Love dwells in Him!

I. Christ Reconciles All Creation.

- A. Vs. 20 "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross,"
 - 1. "Peace" = ειρηνοδοιω = "to make peace".
 - 2. "And laying the foundation and paying the price...", the means of reconciliation.

- B. "...by him to reconcile all things unto himself;"
 - 1. "Reconcile" = αποκαταλλασσω = "to change from one state to another", "to totally and completely change so that all enmity is put away", "a perfect state".
 - 2. God used the blood of the cross as the means of clearing away all things that were in the way, things that hindered, to re-claim all of creation and do it completely.

- C. "...by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven."
 - 1. "...all on the earth..."
 - 2. "...all in heaven".

- D. Things to consider.
 - 1. Christ made all things.
 - 2. All creation was spoiled by Satan.

3. All men sinned in Adam and Eve.
4. Christ is the Second Adam.
5. He redeemed it all!

II. Christ Reconciles Mankind.

- A. Vs. 21 "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works..."
1. "Alienated" = απαλλοτριω = "to estrange".
 2. "Enemies" = εχθρος = "hostility".
 3. "Mind" = διανοια = "activity of thinking", "the reflective exercise of the heart".
 4. "Wicked" = πονηρος = "evil-disposed", "vicious".
 5. "Works" = εργον = "labor".
 6. "And you, likewise, who once were estranged from Him, and with your mind at war with Him, when you lived in wickedness..." - Con
- B. "...yet now hath He reconciled."
1. "Reconciled" = αποδαταλασσω = "to exchange hostility for friendship..."
 2. "...yet now he has brought you back as His friends." - Tay
- C. Vs. 22 "In the body of his flesh through death,"
1. "By christ's death in his body of flesh and blood." - NEB
 2. "through dying in his human body" - Gspd
- D. "...to present you holy and unblamable and unreprouable in his sight:"
1. "Present" = παριστημι = "to place near by".
 2. "Unblamable" = αμωμος = "without stain or blemish", "without stain".
 3. "Unreprouable" = ανεγκλητος = "not accused", "with nothing laid to one's charge".
 4. "So that he may present you before himself as dedicated men, without blemish and innocent in his sight" - NEB
 5. "Sight" = κατενωπιον = "right down in the eye".

III. What The Colossians Must Do.

- A. Vs. 23 "If ye continue in the faith..."

1. "If" = εἰγε = "assuming that".
 2. "Continue" = ἐπιμεινω = "to remain upon", "in addition, longer".
 3. "Faith" = "the faith or teaching".
- B. "...grounded and settled..."
1. "Grounded" = θεμελιω = "to lay the foundation of something" If you stay on the..."
 2. "Settled" = εδραιος = "seated" = firm
 3. "If you stay firmly seated on the foundation".
- C. "...and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel..., which ye have heard"
1. "Moved" = μετακινew = "to move from one place to another", "to shift around".
 2. "Not allowing yourselves to be shifted from the hope extended to you in the good message to which you listened."
- D. "...and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven;"
1. "Preached" = κηρυσσω = "to proclaim as a herald".
 2. "Creature" = κτισις = "creation".
 3. "Proclaimed in all creation under the heaven..."
I believe Paul meant, and is being preached to all.
- E. "whereof I Paul am made a minister".
1. "Minister" = διακονος = "Servant".
 2. "and I am made a servant".

IV. Things To Consider.

- A. What God has done.
1. He sought us.
 2. He made us meet.
 3. He has translated us.
 4. He has reconciled us.
 5. He has redeemed us.
- B. What we must do.
1. Accept His son Jesus as our total provision for salvation.
 2. Accept His Word as His total revelation.
 3. Study and Learn His Word.
 4. Vs. 23.