

Colossians 1:15-20
Divine Reconciliation

The Christ you are "in" ...

I. Jesus Christ

- A. Image of God
- B. Firstborn of all Creation
- C. Fullness of God

II. God

- A. Creator
- B. Sustainer

III. Man

- A. A Son
- B. Who Bleeds

IV. Mediator

- A. Reconciler
- B. Head of the Church

... is preeminent in everything!

Children, Listen ...

1. What are some things Paul writes to show that Jesus is God?
2. The Son of God became a man and came to earth. What did He come to do?
3. In verse 20 what does Paul say made peace with God for those who believe in Him?

A Glorious Perplexity

Paul takes us to the heights of glory in his description of the deity of Christ. The terms he uses drives home powerfully the majesty and authority of the Son of God. That makes words like "dead" and "blood" and "cross" with reference to the Lord all the more striking. But that is the mystery of God's way of reconciling us to Him the crucifixion of the Son of God. It is one of those mysteries that has been revealed – and which we must believe in order to be saved – but is at the same time beyond our full comprehension. I would describe this as a glorious perplexity of salvation. To take it a little further I would say it is an absolutely mind-boggling truth when we personally grasp the reality of it, believe, and confess "He did this for me!" Charles Wesley tries to capture this mind-boggling perplexity in the 2nd stanza of his famous hymn And Can it Be (1738).

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound
the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?