

Reconciled to Be Oneness IN God

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I. The wonder of Jesus

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

In whom we have redemption

Mat 20:28 ...the Son of man came...to give his life a ransom for many.

Even the forgiveness of sins

Rom 4:7 ...Blessed *are* they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Who is the image of the invisible God

Joh 14:9 ...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father...

The firstborn of every creature

Exo 13:2 Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb...it *is* mine.

For by him were all things created

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made...

All things were created...for him

Php 2:10 ...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

He is before all things

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word...

By him all things consist

Heb 1:3 ...upholding all things by the word of his power...

He is the head of the body, the church

Eph 5:23 ...Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead

Act 26:23 That Christ should...be the first that should rise from the dead...

1Co 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.

That in all things he might have the preeminence

Psa 89:27 Also I will make him *my* firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

Heb 1:4 Being made so much better than the angels....

Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Mat 28:18 ...All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Joh 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

Eph 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Eph 1:22 And hath put all *things* under his feet...

II. The idea of the church dwelling in Jesus—(He fills the same church that fills Him)

Col 1:19 For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Eph 1:23 (*The church*) is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

III. The two-edged sword of reconciliation—God toward us—Us toward God

A. God has reconciled us to Himself thru Jesus' finished work on the cross

Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

2Co 5:18 ...God...hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ...

B. In our minds—We can be reconciled to God—If we remember the work is finished

Col 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

Col 1:22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight:

Col 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

2Co 5:18 ...God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

2Co 5:19 ...and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Luk 1:79 ...to guide our feet into the way of peace.

IV. Paul's submissiveness to suffer for the cause of preaching Christ

Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

Php 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

V. The wonder of Paul's message

Col 1:25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

Col 1:26 *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Eph 3:3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery...

Eph 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men...

Eph 3:7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God...

Eph 3:8 ...that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

Eph 3:9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God...

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

VI. The wonder of the idea of the unity—Christ in you being your hope of glory

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

A. Our eternal salvation is based on the concept of us being in Christ Jesus

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us **in him** before the foundation of the world...

Eph 1:7 **In whom** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...

Eph 1:11 **In whom** also we have obtained an inheritance...

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ** shall all be made alive.

B. Our spiritual eternal life within us is based on the concept of God being in us

Joh 14:17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and **shall be in you**.

1Jn 4:13 Hereby know we that **we dwell in him, and he in us**, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

2Co 13:5 ...Know ye not your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ is in you**...

2Co 6:16 ...God hath said, **I will dwell in them**, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

1Jn 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, **God dwelleth in him, and he in God**.

C. The unity of God in His children—And God's children in Him

Joh 14:20 ...ye shall know that **I am in my Father**, and ye **in me**, and **I in you**.

Joh 17:21 ...as thou, **Father, art in me**, and **I in thee**, that **they also may be one in us**...

Joh 17:23 **I in them**, and **thou in me**, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and **hast loved them, as thou hast loved me**.

VII. Paul preached reconciliation and unity as a motivation toward perfection

Col 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Col 1:29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: **He that abideth in me, and I in him**, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

1Jn 2:27 But **the anointing** which ye have received of him **abideth in you**, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, **ye shall abide in him**.

1Jn 2:28 And **now, little children, abide in him...**

1Co 6:15 Know ye not that **your bodies are the members of Christ?** ...

1Co 6:17 But he that is **joined unto the Lord** is one spirit...

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.