

“The Riches of Reconciliation”

The Cosmic Supremacy of Christ

Col. 1:20-23 • pt. 10

INTRODUCTION

- the freedom, joy, comfort, & security of real reconciliation

1. *the One who reconciles* (1:18a)

- Paul’s word pictures
 - + *redemption*
 - + *forgiveness*
 - + *reconciliation*

- “reconcile”

1 Cor. 7:11; Eph. 2:14-16

2. *the Extent of reconciliation*

- “all things” (1:20)

≠ ‘universalism’

Nah. 1:2; Eph. 5:5-6; Jn. 3:36
Mt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10-15

= ‘subjection’ (?)

Col. 2:15; Phil. 2:10-11

= God’s universe

Gen. 3:17; Rom. 8:20-22; Is. 11:6-9; 30:26

- “you” (1:22)

+ why reconciliation with God is essential

+ God’s Good News

1 Thess. 1:10; Rom. 5:8-10

3. *the Means of reconciliation*

- the sacrificial blood of Christ

Col. 1:20, 22

- the OT sacrificial system

Lev. 17:11; Heb. 9:22; 10:4

4. *the Goal of reconciliation*

- *holy*

- *blameless*

- *beyond reproach*

5. *the Evidence of reconciliation*

- “if” here is a statement of fact

Jn. 8:31

- understanding ‘the perseverance of the saints’

+ profession does not necessarily mean possession

2 Cor. 13:5; Mt. 7:21-23

+ doesn’t mean believers won’t backslide

1 Jn. 2:19

+ “continuing in the faith” doesn’t save you

“If your faith fizzles before you finish, it is because it was faulty from the first.”

– author unknown

APPLICATION

- ✓ continually make yourself ready to meet the Lord

Eph. 5:27; Rev. 19:7-8

- ✓ God has chosen you to speak of His reconciliation

2 Cor. 5:17-21