“The Complete Work and Full Assurance In Christ” Part Two

Colossians 1:21-23 Communion Sunday November 5, 2023

## INTRODUCTION READ Colossians 1:1-29

redemption 1:14 . . . reconciliation 1:20,22 In Christ wholly, only, personally

The Christian message to our fallen world filled with death and suffering is one of redemption and reconciliation. The gospel message offers our reconciliation to God through our faith in Christ. Christ came to redeem and reconcile not only a fallen humanity but also a fallen creation, which awaits its restoration. The Fall and its consequences as well as Christ’s redemption and reconciliation of all things are respectively the foundation and blessed hope of the [gospel](https://answersingenesis.org/gospel/) message. Answers in Genesis READ Romans 5:6-11

Sufficiency of The Person and Work of Christ For All Explained Chapter One Supremacy Over All He Is Lord of Creation and Lord of the Church

The High Status & Full Significance of Christ His Person His Pre-eminence

The Complete Work & Full Assurance in Christ His Work His Sufficiency

“In Christ Alone” A Theme for the Book of Colossians

1. Sufficiency of The Work of Christ In Reconciliation

 Assigning of Reconciliation With The One & Only Reconciler

1. Source of Reconciliation In Him Individually 1:19
2. Need of Reconciliation Though Him Personally 1:20

 Only Through Christ Is Reconciliation Possible

“having made peace through the blood of His cross . . .”

1. Work of Reconciliation Through Him Only 1:21-22a

 Accomplishing of Reconciliation For Those Personally Reconciled

 Christ Is The One Who Is Able To Fully Reconcile

but now He reconciled you in the body of His flesh through death,

“that literal death in our place, and the literal judgment He bore on our behalf"

1. Purpose of Reconciliation By Him Individually 1:22b

 Accounting of Reconciliation For The Ones Who Are Reconciled

“ . . . in order to present you before Him . . .” cf. 1:28

used by Paul in reference to the present Christian life (Romans 6:13, 16, 19; 12:1)

 “. . . holy and blameless and beyond reproach . . .”

 cf. Ephesians 1:4; 5:25-27; Philippians 2:15

1. Reality of Reconciliation In Him Presently 1:23
2. This Reality of Continuing Steadfast in the Christian Faith 1:23a

“if indeed you continue in the faith . . .” three realities of continuing

 “. . . firmly grounded and steadfast . . .” “grounded and settled,”

READ 1:4-6; 2:5-7

 “. . . and not moved away from the hope of the gospel . . .”

 cf. 1:5, 27

“that you are adhering to your faith, having been placed upon a foundation with the present result that you are on that foundation, firmly established, and that you are not continually being shifted away from your hope” Wuest

1. This Reality of Remaining True to the Gospel Truth 1:23b

“This is directed against the false teacher’s assurance that the gospel they had heard needed to be supplemented if they wished to attain salvation.”

three realities for remaining

1) which you have heard,

2) which was proclaimed

 in all creation under heaven,

3) and of which I, Paul,

 was made a minister.

 *diaconos* a person who renders service—‘servant.’ Cf. 1:7

learning more about what it means to be a servant of the gospel next week

CONCLUSION The Complete Work and Full Assurance In Christ

1. Believers Will Be Presented to God the Father by the Complete Work of Christ Jesus the Son through the Finishing ministry of the Holy Spirit
2. Making more of the Gospel & making much of Christ in your life these days
3. Encouraging other believers who are continuing in the faith remaining true
4. Reality of Christian Faith & Gospel truth in our lives as believers in Christ
5. Be a servant of the gospel so that the message about Christ takes precedence in your life as someone dedicated to the importance of Christ