

Colossians 1.20-23 – Who Is Jesus?, Part 4 Teaching Card

The Christian's Prince is the Peacemaker Who Restores

Verse 20: A Rupture in the World That Needs Mending

1. All of Mankind Plummeted into Sin (Genesis 3)

Every Person = Depraved motives and deeds (Rom 3.10-18)

2. God's Answer: Blood Sacrifice - OT Sacrificial System
→ Christ

Salvation is Based on the Finished and Final Work of Jesus

Definition: Reconciliation – Restoration, Mending

See Romans 5.10-11; 1 Corinthians 5.18-19; Ephesians 1.7-10

3. All Things are Reconciled?

Universal Salvation or Limited?

See 1 Thessalonians 1.9; Colossians 3.10-11

ALL = ALL those who believe, the Church

All things also means Creation (Romans 8.19-22)

The Christian's Previous State was Natural Enmity with God

Verse 21: Alienated, Hostile, Evil

Enemies of God and Hostile to His Ways

Hostile to the Truths of Christianity – Sin Separates!!!

See Eph 4.18; 1 Cor 1.18; 2 Cor 2.15-16; Rom 1.21

Indifference is sin = Hostility toward God

God's Response: Wrath (Romans 1.18)

**The Christian's Present Condition is by the Supernatural,
Gracious Reconciliation to God through the Blood of Jesus**

Verse 22a: God Declared War!

The Cross is God's Declaration of War on the Sinner

Jesus was the Substitute for the Sinner

Jesus defeated the enemy, death and sin at the Cross (Col 2.15)

**The Christian's Projected Reality is a Glorious Acquittal by
God**

Verse 22b: The Purpose of Reconciliation is to have a People

Holy, Blameless, Without Accusation

Future Reality: Judgment Seat of Christ; Friend of God

**The Christian's Present Responsibility is to Persist in the
Faith**

Verse 23: Perseverance of the Saints***

Adhere to and Remain True to the Gospel

Keep Believing, Never Shifting

Place Your Hope in Jesus

***Not Covered Today: Scripture teaches us that God preserves believers to remain faithful until the end. Those who leave the faith were never apart of the Faith to begin with. (See 1 John 2.19)