

Sunday, May 24, 2020—Colossians 1:20 Peace Through Blood

Announcements

- Welcome to the Grace Life Bible Church live stream.
 - Teaching directly to the saints of GLBC & others who want to join in.
 - Feel free to comment on the video but I will not be engaging with the audience in real time.
 - Focus on my notes and delivering the message.
- I would like to begin with some announcements.
 - Corona Comfort Playlist on the Church YouTube page.
 - Blake Donaldson—is creating Bible study Lessons for the teens of GLBC. These videos can be accessed by searching for [Blake and Amy Donaldson](#) on YouTube.
 - Facebook—[Grace Life Bible Church Teens](#) page.
- Things to keep in mind this week.
 - Tuesday @ 11 am—Memorial Service for Fred Curtis @ Camp Lake Baptist Church in Sparta.
 - Viewing @ 10
 - Service @ 11
 - Luncheon @ 12
 - Tuesday @ Noon—Grace Life Bible Church COVID-19 Reboot Survey closes. Please take a moment to respond if you have not already done so. If you didn't receive the survey, please let me know ASAP.
 - Wednesday @ 7:00 pm—Mid-Week Message
 - Living the Transformed Life Friday Fellowship on Zoom will resume on Friday, June 5. We are taking a break for the rest of May.
 - Offerings can be made on the church's website via PayPal by clicking on the Donate Button under Support our Ministry. Checks can be mailed to Daryl Doornbos our treasurer at his home. He can deposit them using technology without leaving his home.

- A One-Anothering Fund has been set up to help saints from Grace Life Bible Church who may be struggling financially. If you are in need of assistance, please contact me or Daryl Dornboos. Your request will be kept confidential.

Introduction

- Last week during our time together we studied the doctrine of “fulness” in Colossians 1:19. Recall that it “pleased the Father” that “all fulness” should “dwell” or reside in Jesus Christ.
- Colossians 2:9—all the fulness of the Godhead dwells “bodily” in the person of Jesus Christ.
- Colossians 2:10— “If He is the very fulness of the Godhead bodily, then nothing can be added to Him; and if the believer is “in Him,” what can be added which the believer does not already possess in Him?” (Baxter, 207)

Colossians 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.**
- **And, having made peace through the blood of his cross**—at the outset it is important to note that verse 20 is a continuation of the sentence that started in verse 19. So, not only did it please “the Father” that “all fulness dwell” in Christ but the Father has also made peace by/through the cross work of Christ.
- Notice that the verb translated “having made peace” is in the past tense in English. This is indicative of a past accomplished fact. God the Father, has already in the past “made peace through the blood of his cross.”
- What Paul says in a nutshell here in Colossians 1:20 is explained in greater detail in Ephesians 2.
 - Peace was made through blood.
 - Ephesians 2:11-12—explains the condition of the Gentiles in “time past.” They were without hope and without God in the world.
 - Ephesians 2:13—not the contrast “but now” the Gentiles who were far off are made nigh. How, “by the blood of Christ.”
 - Ephesians 2:14—on the basis of the “blood of Christ” in verse 13 Christ “is our peace” in verse 14. It is Christ’s blood that broke down the middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile and makes us both one.

- Ephesians 2:15—Christ abolished the former “enmity” that existed between Jew and Gentile and brought peace. How? & Why?
- Ephesians 2:16-17—the cross upon which Christ shed his blood which brought peace is the basis upon which the Father can “reconcile” both Jew and Gentile unto himself in one body.
 - Romans 11:13-15—the “reconciling of the world” of the world is dispensational in nature. Because Israel was concluded in unbelief along with the Gentiles God is now offering salvation to all men without distinction.
 - II Corinthians 5:18-20
- Ephesians 2:16—the blood of his cross brought peace and the reconciliation of Jew and Gentile in one body.
- Colossians 1:18—recall that Christ is the head of the body, the church.
- Colossians 1:20—notice how none of this is possible without “the blood of his cross.” Therefore the expression “through his blood” is so critical in verse 14. The blood of his cross both individual and corporate. Not only is the basis upon which we have redemption and forgiveness of sins individually its I the basis upon which God is able to accomplish his eternal purpose dispensationally.
- **by him to reconcile all things unto himself**—the “blood of his cross” is the basis upon which the Father is going to “reconcile all things unto himself.” What are these all things?
 - Colossians 1:16—the thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers that were created by him and for him.
- **by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven**—makes it crystal clear. In the context, the “all things” that are reconciled to the Father “through the blood of his cross” are the positions of governmental rank and authority in heaven and earth.
- Ephesians 3:9-11—this was all done according to the “eternal purpose” of God which “he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- Ephesians 1:10—that “all things” in heaven and earth might be centered in Jesus Christ.
- Colossians 1:19—this is what “pleased the Father.”
- Colossians 1:21—verse 20 gives you the macro-view in terms of the eternal purpose of God. Next, we verse 21 is going to give you the personal view regarding how of this impacts you personally as a member of the body of Christ.