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Message Series: The Supremacy of Jesus Christ, Pt. 4

Colossians 1:19-23

1. God's Ultimate Purpose: The Reconciling Work of Christ

Reconciliation – “the peace between humanity and God that results from the expiation of sin and the propitiation of God’s wrath. ~Calvin

Colossians 1:21-23

“Expiation” - removing guilt, the undoing of sin

“Propitiation” - God’s holy wrath fully satisfied thru Christ’s death on the cross.

Paul “Grinds small” – to ground his readers in the Full Truth of God’s revelation so false teachers wouldn’t lead them astray.

⇒ Syncretism... Gnosticism... Scientism... Docetism... Statism

Colossians 1:22

“Holy” – Set apart from Sin; **“Blameless”** – without blemish or defect; **“Above Reproach”** – Totally without grounds for criticism, “without a single fault.”

◆ Paul is not speaking about our personal living out Christ here but about our Position in Christ.

1 John 1:6-10

2. Genuine Christ-Follower Continue to Follow Christ

Colossians 1:23

True Christ-Followers: don’t stray away and stay away: Genuine Believers may fall for a while but do return to Christ.

1 Timothy 4:1, 2

1 John 2:1, 4-6, 18, 19

Ephesians 4:14, 15

Hebrews 2:1-3

Colossians 1:23

◆ Earthquakes were a reality around Colossae so Paul’s words “not shifting from the hope of the gospel” were a reminder of their security in Christ Alone

3. Paul Rejoices In God’s Plan For Him To Suffer

Colossians 1:24

* Paul’s sufferings brought him closer to Christ and were also a huge benefit for others to see.

Acts 9:3, 4

* When Christ-Followers suffer Christ also suffers for He dwells in us.

Acts 9:15, 16