

Colossians 1:19–20

“Christ Glorified as God the Son by Our Finding All Provision and Peace in Him”

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**What Pleases God?** Pastor leads his family in today's "Hopewell @Home" passage. Colossians 1:19–20 prepares us for the second serial reading in Morning Public Worship on the coming Lord's Day. In these two verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that God is pleased to glorify His Son as God by making Jesus Christ the One in Whom we receive all provision and all peace.

**Thursday, October 7, 2021 • Read Colossians 1:19–20**

Questions from the Scripture text: What was pleasing in v19? What dwells in Christ? How much of it? What did this make it possible to do by Christ (v20)? To how many things? With Whom were they reconciled? In Whom? From where? What did He make? Through what?

God has designed that His way of saving the church would display Christ as God the Son by giving Him the preeminence in all things (v18). Now, vv19–20 highlight two ways by which the Son's glory is displayed in redemption. There is no provision, except in Jesus; and, there is no reconciliation except in Jesus.

**There is no provision, except in Jesus.** It pleased God that in Christ “all” the “fullness” should dwell. In Christ, there is fullness. Abundance. Not just barely enough but more than we could ever need. And this fullness is not available anywhere else. All of it is in Christ. All our righteousness before God's judgment. All our life and strength and goodness for any right living of our own. All of our knowledge, wisdom, holiness, and faithfulness. Christ is abundant for all of it, and none of it can come except from Him.

**There is no reconciliation, except in Jesus.** All which God reconciles to Himself, He reconciles in Christ. There is no unmediated reconciliation with God. There is no other mediator except Christ. Those who are reconciled on earth are reconciled in Christ. Those who are reconciled in heaven are reconciled in Christ.

This is because the reconciliation is with God, and the peace that had to be made is a peace with God. What atonement could be provided that is as big enough to make peace for wrath that is as great as the goodness of God (cf. Rom 1:18–21, 3:23). But the Word become flesh. The Son of His love became the Seed of the woman. And God bought the church with His own blood (cf. Ac 20:28). When “the blood of His cross” is the purchase price of peace, how could reconciliation possibly be obtained in any other way?

So it pleased God to make Jesus all our provision and all our reconciliation, so that God's ultimate display of His glory would be in saving us by His Son. If we look to ourselves or someone else for our righteousness before God, or if we look to ourselves or someone else for any spiritual life or good, then that will be something much worse than looking in the wrong place for something. It will be directly opposing the glory of the Son that is so pleasing to God.

What are you most tempted to find apart from Christ? How would more love for His glory help you look more to Christ for it? Who can help you love His glory more and look to Him more?

*Sample prayer: O Triune God, it has pleased You that all of the fullness should dwell in Your Son, Whom You have given as our Lord Jesus. We praise and thank you for the abundance of Your provision in Him and for the completeness of our reconciliation in Him. Forgive us for when we look to or dwell upon ourselves or anything else; we hate that we can be so unmindful of Christ's glory. So, grant unto us life and goodness from Him, to dwell even more upon Him, for we ask it in His Name, AMEN!*

Suggested songs: ARP23B “The Lord's My Shepherd” or TPH435 “Not What My Hands Have Done”

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Colossians 1, versus 19 and 20. These are God's words for it, please. The father that in him, all the fullness should dwell and by him to reconcile all things to himself by him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of his cross.

So far the reading of God's inspired and an errant word. So versus 19 and 20 take us further back than the outcome and versus 15 through 18 which we considered last last week versus 15 through 18 described how the father had given the son that given our Lord Jesus Christ.

The first place in all things. The first place in creation displaying his son as the uncreated creator. So displaying his son as very God of very God and also redemption displaying his son as the head of the body that both in God's creating power and love. He makes his son, the great display of himself and in God's redeeming love and power.

So that his son, especially is the one who is described and displayed as the one who takes a bride for himself and is her head and to takes the church to be as it were his bone and his his flesh. And in this way, the sun has the first place in all things or as verse.

18 concluded in our translation that in all things he may have the preeminence. Well what is behind this? Making the sun have the first place in all things. It is the pleasure of God, the pleasure, especially of the father. Although the word's the father in verse 19 and our translation have actually been supplied by our translators.

They're not from the Greek there, an inference from the phrase and back in verse 13 the sun of his love but it pleases God, that Christ should be displayed as God the creator and God the redeemer, and so it pleases the father to do two things. And in the two things, the key word is a very little word.

That is the word, all it, pleased, the father that in Kim, that is in Christ. All the fullness well and by him to reconcile, all things to himself. So the all here it reminds us. There are teaches us instructs us that there is no provision in anyone, except for in the Lord Jesus and the all in, verse 20, reminds us teaches us that there is no reconciliation.

There is no peace in anyone or anything except in Jesus. So first, there is no provision except in Jesus. It pleases, the father that in him, all the fullness, should dwell God's provision for us is not a bare minimum. Just enough to meet whatever we need. Like you figure out exactly what you need and you put in your requisition request and you get that exact amount.

No God is gives us according to the riches of his glory, God gives us according to his fullness, which is even greater than our neediness. And it's God's pleasure that not just some not just most, but all of this fullness would be in his son. Our Lord Jesus, this is true because Christ is not only our redeemer who gives us what we lack, but he is also our creator and he is the God of providence, someone who upholds, all things by the word of his power.

And so, in creation, and in providence, and in that special and greatest providence, that is his redemption, the father has made. The son God has made his son, the one in whom all of his fullness, dwells for us. But this means for you, is that for everything you need, you come to the Lord Jesus.

He is your God, he has made you, he is your God, he is the one who upholds you? He even by the word of his power, upholds. All those who in rebellion against him are using whatever life and ability. He has learned to them to resist him and to oppress or persecute us.

And yet there are unable to do anything that he has, not designed and determined for our good. He is doing this good through them, and especially when you find in yourself, that you are not doing what you would like to do, or that you are doing what you hate doing because you still have, don't you the old man?

The sinfulness that remains the fleshliness that remains from your original nature from Adam and you need to help for the killing of sin and you need help for mortifying the flesh, you need help for loving and serving, and obeying for working out your own salvation with fear and trembling, you come to him, who works in, you both to will, and to work.

And you find out here and Col one verse 19 that the one who works in you Philippians 2, verse 13 is especially the sun. Yes, it's God, the father, the son, and the Holy Spirit and yet it pleases God. That in Jesus, all of the fullness, the abundance of God, for everything that you need would dwell.

So, there's no provision anywhere, or in any one, except in Jesus Christ. And this is the pleasure of the father. So that he might display his son who he adores me loves with whom he is. Well please. So it has baptism. The father says this is my beloved son with him.

I am. Well pleased that his transfiguration the father says this is my beloved son with whom. I am. Well, pleased and in every moment of your neediness for which the fullness of God is the only and is the abundant answer, the father says to us. This is my beloved son with whom.

I am well please to please is God that in the Lord Jesus in his son, all of the fullness should dwell. And so God by this design trains, our hearts to be pleased with Christ and to love Christ as the father. And the spirit have been pleased with the son and loved the son for unending ages from all eternity producing in us the love and joy of God himself, which is the fruit of that work of the Holy Spirit in us as he conforms us to Christ.

So that's the first part. It pleased, the father that in him, all the fullness, should dwell, there is no provision, except in Jesus. And the second part there is no reconciliation or there is no peace except in Jesus. And by him, that is by the son of his love or by Christ by him, two reconcile, all things to himself by him.

So he says the by him twice, he emphasizes it, whether things on earth or things in heaven and that reminds us of verse 16 4 by him. All things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible. And so in verse 16, a it taught us that the sun is the uncreated creator God himself.

And in verse 20 teaches us that the sun is the infinitely. Worthy redeemer God himself. Why is it that reconciliation can never come from anyone or anything except Jesus? And under verse 20 tells us having made peace through the blood of his cross. And Romans 1 through 3. It teaches us that our sin is against the glory of God, that the wrath of God is displayed against all the unrighteousness and ungodliness

of men because who, although, we knew God's glory, we did not give thanks or glorify him as God that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

So you take remnants 18, through 20 or so, and Romans 3:23 in the bookends of that section and you see that our sin and our guilt, and the wrath of God, against our sin are as big as the glory of God. This is what we have sinned against. This is the guilt that we have.

Sometimes when we sin we feel like oh I will do better now and make it up to God, but that's because we don't see how big our sin is that our sin has been against the very glory of God itself has been against the very glorious God out and we need a sacrifice, we need an atonement. We need a payment for our sin. That is as big as God. And then the end of Romans 3 comes and it says that God has displayed the Lord Jesus Christ. As a propitiation that he might be. Just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus Christ and the counterpart to that in our passage is at the end of verse 20, having made peace through the blood of his cross and there's wonder there and there's worship there because we needed peace.

We needed a making of peace, that is as big as God himself. And so there can be nothing in creation. There can be no one else who makes peace for you with God, except the one who is God himself, the Lord, Jesus Christ. And yet, in order for you to have peace blood had to be shed.

The one who is God, had to become a man had to take on our flesh and blood had to be made like us and every way, except without sin, so that when he went to not just any death, but the death of the cross to bear, the curse to suffer, the punishment that our sin deserves, he would succeed and make peace for us there.

And we would be reconciled to God. There would be this great exchange, where God takes our sin from us. The Lord, Jesus takes our sin from us and he gives his righteousness to us, this double imputation, it's called our sin. Counted against Jesus is righteousness for us. And this exchange takes place in which we are brought back into the full favor of God.

And so by his design, not only in creation but especially especially in redemption, he displays the glory of his son, as the one. True and living God, there is reconciliation and no one else. And so, not just when you feel need for help or you need some sort of either earthly or spiritual provision, there's no provision in anyone else.

But especially when you feel the weight of your sin and your guiltiness and you know, that you have no claim whatsoever upon God, and that you need. Peace with him, you know, that it can only come and has been purchased completely by the Lord Jesus Christ and as you trust in him to be your peace and your reconciliation with God, he is glorified as being God himself.

This is his father's plan. This is God's plan for the glory of the sun that he would be glorified to this way. Now, if we learn to love Jesus's glory to enjoy him, then when we come into seasons of neediness of any kind earthly, or spiritual and we remember all this is how my savior is glorified by being the one and whom all of the provision of God comes we rejoice and our need in our weakness.

Remember the apostle, my grace is sufficient for you from my powers made perfect and weakness. And he rejoices in in the display of the fullness of Christ in him, all the fullness wells, as we learn to love Jesus's glory, we will learn to rejoice over these opportunities. We have designed by the father to display the glory of the sun.

Well, God grant us to love his glory as God loves his glory. Let's pray. Our Lord Jesus Christ. Make us lovers of your glory, by your spirit. We pray, we thank you for your love of the Father and your fellowship of the Spirit and that as the spirit conforms us to you, these are stirred up in us.

We thank you for the imitation of the father. The production reproduction of his character in us as your spirit, trains us to call him our ABBA and to imitate him and walk in love as beloved children. We pray that you would give us first and foremost love not only for the father and for the spirit.

But for yourself our Lord that we would love you because you first loved us, that we would love your glory. And so when you do bring us through providence, in which we feel our neediness or in which we feel our guiltiness make us at that moment. We pray to rejoice that in you all the fullness for our neediness dwells.

And in you is all of the peace and reconciliation for our guiltiness so that you are glorified as the one God creator provider redeemer and make our hearts to rest upon you and make our hearts to rejoice in you and give us from yourself. All that we need, we ask that you might be glorified in this way, for we ask it in your name, Lord, Jesus.

Amen.