

**WE PREACH CHRIST
COLOSSIANS 1:20-29**

Introduction

Vs. 20-22a These verses speak of Christ's work of propitiation and reconciliation at the mercy seat on high! Remember, "*propitiation*" means "*satisfaction; covering; the fulfillment of a demand.*"

It refers to God's acceptance of Christ's sacrifice for the sin debt that we owed! God is fully satisfied by what Jesus Christ did on the Cross! God's requirement for our sin and the law's demand for having been broken by us has been fully satisfied!

Isaiah 53:11—"**He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied:** by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities."

The work of "*reconciliation*" means "*to change from an enmity to friendship; to restore a relationship.*"

Hebrews 2:17—"*Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.*"

Through Christ's sacrifice, believing sinners are brought into reconciliation with God!

Hebrews 9:11-12; 10:10-12

Romans 3:24-25—"*Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood. . .*"

1 John 2:2—"**And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**"

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Vs 22-23 This speaks of the end work of what Christ will do in us if we are genuine believers. The very purpose for His having reconciled us is so that he can present us holy, and unblameable, and unreprouvable in his sight.

- 1. Holy** – set apart from sin and worldliness for God's own purposes; sacred (physically pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially consecrated).
1 Corinthians 6:19c-20—"*. . .ye are not your own. . .For ye are bought with a price. . .*"
- 2. Unblameable** – unblemished; morally blameless; faultless.
- 3. Unreprouvable** – unaccused, that is, (by implication) irreproachable.

Ephesians 1:4—"*According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*"

Ephesians 5:27—"*That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*"

Jude 24—"*Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy*"

Now don't get confused with verse 23 or you'll think that you've got to hold on to your salvation! That is not what this is saying!

It is not the retention of salvation that is in the apostle's mind, but the real possession of it that is shown by one's continuance in the Gospel in the true Gospel of Christ.

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i.e. A person who walks away from the true Gospel of Christ never had saving faith to begin with!

Vs 23d-25 Paul says both here and in verse 25 that he was made a minister of this Gospel! And in verse 24 He says that he was willing to suffer for the Body of Christ, the Church.

Vs 26 Cf. **Romans 16:25-26**

Vs 27 Christ in you, the hope of Glory. (Cf. Romans 8:29-30)
Remember that the word “*hope*” here means “*a sure expectation.*”

Note that Paul does not say that Christ is “*a*” hope of glory, but rather He is “*the*” hope of glory.

And that is why Paul preached what he preached and was willing to suffer for the Gospel’s sake!

**I. WE PREACH CHRIST– WARNING EVERY MAN!
(Ezekiel 3:17-21)**

A. Sinners Must Be Warned!

They must be warned to flee from the wrath that is to come!
(Hebrews 9:27-28)

1. Death Is Coming!
2. Jesus Is Coming!
3. Judgment Is Coming!

B. Saints Must Be Warned!

1. Saints Must Be Warned About Sin!

a) The Reality Of Sin!

1 John 1:8–“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

b) The Ruin Of Sin!

Sin will ruin your testimony!
Sin will ruin your family!
Sin will ruin your life!

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1 Corinthians 10:12–“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”

c) The Remedy For Sin!

Romans 6:11-12; Colossians 3:1ff

2. Saints Must Be Warned About Satan!

a) The Reality Of Satan! He is a real person!

1) He is a Deceiver!

*Ephesians 6:11 “wiles”
2 Corinthians 11:2-3, 13-15*

2) He is a Devourer! (1 Peter 5:8)

He wants to devour everything good in your life! (Exp. Job)

Saints Must Be Warned About Satan!

The Reality Of Satan! He is a real person!

b) The Ruin Of Satan! He is a defeated foe!

1) The Foretelling Of His Ruin!

(Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 14:15)

2) The Fulfilment Of His Ruin!

(Hebrews 2:14)

3) The Finality Of His Ruin!

(Revelation 20:10)

c) The Remedy For Satan!

James 4:7–“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Saints Must Be Warned About Sin!

Saints Must Be Warned About Satan!

3. Saints Must Be Warned About Judgment!

2 Corinthians 5:10-11–“For we must all appear

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before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. . .

1 Corinthians 3:13—“Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is.”

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Sinners Must Be Warned!
Saints Must Be Warned!*

II. WE PREACH CHRIST—TEACHING EVERY MAN!

It is through teaching that we are conformed into Christ’s image! Ephesians 5:26 says that Christ “*sanctifies and cleanses*” His Church “*with the washing of the water by the word.*”

Psalms 119:9—“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.”

Ephesians 4:11-12 says that God gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastors and teachers to the Church for the purpose of perfecting the saints so that the work of the ministry might get done so that the body of Christ might be edified!

A. We Teach Folks To Follow Christ’s Example!

Psalms 85:13—“Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.”

John 13:15—“For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.”

Ephesians 5:1-2—“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us”

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Philippians 2:4—“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:” (Mind of humility and obedience)

1 Peter 2:21—“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.”

1 John 2:6—“He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”

B. We Teach Folks To Follow Others As They Follow Christ!

James 5:10—“Take, my brethren, the prophets who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.”

Hebrews 13:7—“Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.”

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III. WE PREACH CHRIST—THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERY MAN PERFECT IN CHRIST JESUS!

The goal is to present folks mature in Christ!
(1 Peter 5:1-4; Hebrews 13:17)

Conclusion

Colossians 1:29

We are to Preach Christ—crucified, risen, and coming again!

We Preach Christ and the Fundamentals of the Faith that are associated with Him!

His Virgin Birth!

His Virtuous Life!

His Vital Deity!

His Vicarious Suffering!

His Victorious Resurrection!

His Visible Return!