

Communion Meditation – Colossians

Colossians 1.19-23

“Christ in Place of Us”

April 3rd, 2016

v19 ~ **The Father’s Pleasure in His Son**

- We were made in the image of God / But that image was quickly tainted
- Jesus is a clearer image of God / In His humanity and His divinity
 - We spoke of this last time (v15) “He is the image of the invisible God”
 - God the Father takes pleasure in His Son / “That’s my boy!”

v20 ~ **God the Father is Justly Proud of the Work of His Son**

- **Read Mt 17.1-5** ~ “Then Peter answered and .. Hear Him!”
 - Peter was filled with anxiety and spoke to dispel it
 - God the Father hushed him so he could absorb the reality he was living
- That reality was full reconciliation with Him (Read vs 19-20)
 - It’s demonstrated in Jesus comforting them, “Arise, and do not be afraid.”

v21-22 ~ **Penal Substitutionary Atonement (*doctrine*)**

- “Christ died on the cross as a substitute for sinners. God imputed the guilt of our sins to Christ, and He, in our place, bore the punishment that we deserve. This was a full payment for sins, which satisfied both the wrath and the righteousness of God, so that He could forgive sinners without compromising His own holy standard.”

v23 ~ **Conditional Basis of this Reconciliation**

- “.. if indeed you continue in the faith ..”
- Belief in loss of salvation is based on a faulty reading of verses like this
 - You must feel sorry for people who are insecure in their salvation
 - III: Luther ~ Living in fear their sincerity, their works, are too weak
- But note this verse does not refer to the individual’s faith
 - Reference is to “the faith” / This is God’s work, not man’s
 - Liberals have abandoned God’s faith, God’s plan, God’s design

God the Father loves His only begotten Son without qualification

Jesus was the Penal Substitutionary Atonement for His adopted brethren

God the Father loves His adopted children just as He loves His only begotten

“the faith” referred to in Colossians 1.23 is precisely this - PSA

When liberals preach salvation apart from the PSA death of Christ

they abandon “the faith” and are without God and salvation