

Reconciled

Sunday, Feb 21, 2016

Colossians 1:15-23

Story in a Story

A Cosmic Story

- Jesus and God
- Jesus and Creation
- Jesus and New Creation

Our Personal Story

- Reconciled!
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What's the Point?

The Utter Supremacy of Christ

- Creation – For Him
- New Creation – Reconciled to Him
- Cross – The way He did it

What is God Like?

Everything

What he wants – Everything reconciled

How he did it – Cross

Why this way – Won, not Conquered

God the ...

Reconciler, Restorer, Redeemer, Worthy Lord

How to Live

All Things

- Reconcile and Redeem – All of Us
- For Him – Ourselves, Others, Everything
- Value in Everyone and Everything

Second Sunday of Lent

A Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Colossians 1:15-23 (NIV)

¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—²³if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

A Collect for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.