

Colossians 1:19-23  
*"Christ's Work of Reconciliation"*

Intro: The preacher's one overarching theme

-The one overarching theme of the Apostle Paul's ministry: "I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2).

-The Old Testament prophets of God: Spoke of the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow (1 Peter 1:10-11).

-God's people: Can't help but look back at the cross-work of Jesus Christ and exalt Him in His once-for-all perfect sacrifice for sins.

\*We must recognize that Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross was a mighty work of reconciliation for \_\_\_\_\_ that also had powerful implications for all of \_\_\_\_\_.

-The fullness of God: Does not dwell in any saint or angel, but in the Incarnate Son of God.

-Verse 20: Twisted by some to promote the heresy of universalism.

-Verse 20: Not about reconciling all people to Himself, but all things to Himself.

-Jesus, by His being obedient unto death: Put all things in their proper place with regard to their relationship to Him.

-A key bit of application: Jesus, who has preeminence over all things, is to have preeminence in the life of the believer.

-The well-known words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: "When Christ calls a man, He bids him, 'Come and die.'"

-The Colossians prior to their conversions: Far away from God and hostile to Him in thought and deed.

-The cross-work of Jesus Christ: Pertains to the believer's sanctification in addition to his or her justification.

-The faith mentioned in verse 23: The objective faith of sound, biblical doctrine.

-Personal Application: