



Series: Colossians Established in Jesus
Passage Colossians 1:19-23
Title Established – In Jesus' Reconciliation
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Discussion Starter

What is “false doctrine”? Can you think of any false doctrine (deceptions) that we are continually presented with? How are these insidious? What techniques do advertisers use to convince us to believe false doctrine? What part do you play in this deception? (self-deception)

Cosmic Catastrophe is Reconciled by Christ (verses 19-20)

- What is the dictionary definition of reconciliation?
- How did sin enter the universe? (Gen 2)
- How did this disobedience change Adam/Eve’s relationship with God? What is the source of hostility between people and God?
- What does Paul mean by writing that Jesus, “will reconcile all things to himself”? Did Adam *only* damage the relationship between humans and God? (See Romans 8:20-22).
- Should humans feel a responsibility to “save the earth”? Who is responsible for reconciling the earth? (See Revelation 21). How might this be related to false doctrine? What is our responsibility as care-takers of the planet?

Reconciliation Only Occurs Through Christ’s Redemption (verses 21-22)

- What is the bad news we must understand to grasp the concept of reconciliation? (Romans 3:23)
- How can you be sure that hostility between God and yourself has been eliminated?
- Why do we need to be reconciled to Christ? How are we reconciled? (verse 22)
- What are the results of reconciliation? (Second half of verse 22 and Galatians 2:20) What does it mean to be blameless?
- What does it mean to be “above reproach”? Do we, as believers, look different than the rest of the world? Do we love one another outside of the environment of our church experience?

Evidence of Reconciliation (Verse 23)

- How can you evaluate the presence of reconciliation in your life? (see also Luke 9:23)
- How does “hope” relate to this? (See also Romans 1:16)
- What does “grounding in the faith mean”?
- What is the difference between “reconciliation” and “forgiveness”? How is this difference manifest in our relationship with God? How is this related to relationships among believers?