



The God of Reconciliation!

May 14, 2023 – Col. 1:19-22

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A Divine Reconciler

1. God's pleasure was for Jesus to be the **God-Man**.
2. God's pleasure was to make **right** all the **chaos** of creation through Christ.

A Rebel Reconciled

1. Every human being is in need of **reconciliation**.
2. Christ is the means of that **reconciliation**.
3. There are three benefits of reconciliation in this passage:
 - a. **Relationship**: Christ presents reconciled people as His special people.
 - b. **Righteousness**: Christ made us right in His eyes.
 - c. **Redemption**: Christ presents reconciled people as free from accusation.

A Messenger of Reconciliation

1. Because we have been reconciled to God through Christ, God has made each of us **ambassadors** of reconciliation.
 - a. We **promote** reconciliation by being peace-makers.
 - b. We **proclaim** reconciliation by having Gospel conversations with others.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Colossians 1:15-20. What do these verses say about the Lord Jesus?
2. What are the implications of these truths about Jesus in our own lives?
3. Read Colossians 1:21. What does this verse say about humanity? How do those things show up in your own life?
4. Read Col. 1:22. What encourages you about this verse?
5. Read 2 Cor. 5:18-20. In what ways do these verses challenge or encourage you?
6. What action are you going to do as a result of the message?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Consider joining an elective. They meet most Sundays at 11am.
4. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

May 2023 (Two Year Reading Plan, Month 17)				
Week 1 Starting May 1	Week 2 Starting May 8	Week 3 Starting May 15	Week 4 Starting May 22	Week 3 Starting May 15
Day 1: 2 Chronicles 33	Day 1: Ezra 6-7	Day 1: Nehemiah 5-6	Day 1: Esther 1-2	Day 1: Job 3-5
Day 2: 2 Chronicles 34-35	Day 2: Ezra 8	Day 2: Nehemiah 7-8	Day 2: Esther 3-4	Day 2: Job 6-9
Day 3: 2 Chronicles 36, Ezra 1	Day 3: Ezra 9-10	Day 3: Nehemiah 9	Day 3: Esther 5-7	Day 3: Job 10-12
Day 4: Ezra 2-3	Day 4: Nehemiah 1-2	Day 4: Nehemiah 10-11	Day 4: Esther 8-10	Day 4: Job 13-16
Day 5: Ezra 4-5	Day 5: Nehemiah 3-4	Day 5: Nehemiah 12-13	Day 5: Job 1-2	Day 5: Job 17-19
<p>⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”</p> <p>⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.</p> <p>¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,</p> <p>¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Acts 1:8-11 (ESV)</p>				

What are you going to do as a result of the message this morning?