

It's all about Jesus!

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Part 3 | Life is All About Jesus!

Colossians 1:19-23, Multiple Scriptures

Jesus **RECONCILES** us v. 19-20, 22

Reconciliation: *The restoration of friendly relationships and of peace where before there had been hostility and alienation.*

to himself...

2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Romans 5:6-11; Romans 8:19-21

to one another ...

Ephesians 2:14-16; Romans 12:18

—when I was **FAR OFF** v. 20-22
and deserved his **WRATH**,

alienated, hostile, enemies — **DEAD** — deserving wrath

Ephesians 2:1-3, 13; Colossians 3:6; Romans 3:23

Jesus **PAID MY DEBT** v. 20, 22-23
and **DREW ME NEAR**.

mercy = not getting
what I do deserve

“saved from...”

grace = getting what
I do not deserve

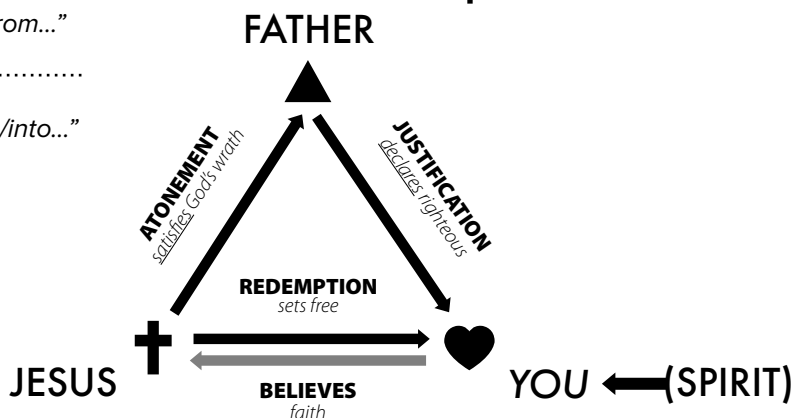
“saved to/into...”

Ephesians 2:4-10, 13

John 10:10; John 6:60-71

Colossians 1:19-23 (ESV)

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,
²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.





Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

Use these questions as a guide for your personal study and reflection sometime this week.

1. Life—*true life, abundant life*—is all about Jesus! Yet experiencing an abundant life can seem like a confusing goal. Jesus simplifies it in a talk he had with his disciples where he used a vineyard analogy to explain what it takes to grow in him. **Read John 15:1-8** and jot down what role each of the main characters has (God the Father, Jesus, and the believer) and the responsibility each has in the spiritual growth process.

In what ways could understanding these differing roles and responsibilities affect your spiritual growth?

What might be some reasons God wants people relying on his power for service and ministry and not just their own power?

Can you think of an example in your own life that has been helpful in reminding you of your need to rely on God's power?

2. **Look again at John 15.** It gives us a great picture of what it means to stay connected to Jesus because the power to live an abundant life comes from him. The challenge is to stay connected consistently. What help do the following verses offer us for staying connected in our relationship with Jesus? **Psalm 139:23-24 James 4:17 Matthews 5:23-24 Romans 12:18**

Can you think of anything from these verses that you could start or stop doing to help you stay consistently connected to Jesus?



Life Groups Return Soon!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you need to get in a Life Group! If you're interested, look for sign-ups in the Commons TODAY or let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin or email office@wawaseebible.com.

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Romans 5:6-11 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

⁶For while we were **still weak**, at the **right time Christ** died for the **ungodly**. ⁷For one will **scarcely** die for a **righteous person**—**though perhaps** for a **good person** one would **dare even** to die—⁸ but God **shows** his **love** for us in that while we were **still sinners**, **Christ** died for us. ⁹Since, **therefore**, we have now **been justified** by his **blood**, **much more** shall we be **saved** by him from the **wrath** of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were **enemies** we were **reconciled** to God by the **death** of his Son, **much more**, now that we are **reconciled**, shall we be **saved** by his **life**. ¹¹ **More** than that, we **also rejoice** in God through our **Lord Jesus Christ**, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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