



Today: “Reconciliation and Perseverance”

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.

Colossians 1:19-23

Jesus Christ - The God/Man who revealed the **FULLNESS** of God and died on the **CROSS** for us.

The Reconciler

The **PEACEMAKER**

Zooming in closer on **RECONCILIATION** (vv.21-23)

What we are apart from Christ:

Alienated

HOSTILE

Doing **EVIL**

When the Reconciler intervenes - what the cross makes possible -
TRANSFORMATION

HOLY Blameless

Above **REPROACH**

What about the "**IF**" of verse 23?

Key thought: *the evidence of **GENUINENESS** is perseverance.*

The parable of the sower and the soils: Matthew 13:1-9 and 18-23

The Christian life: a stable, steadfast **FAITH** and gospel
HOPE.

Our church life: helping **ONE ANOTHER** on the road to eternity keep eyes fixed on Jesus!