



Colossians 1:13-23

Sermon Reflection Questions

These questions are designed to help individuals, families, and small groups discuss and apply passages in the Complete in Christ sermon series as taught at Grace Bible Church in spring 2022.

Observe & Interpret

Read: Colossians 1:13-23. Summarize this passage in your own words.

In what ways does Paul establish both the deity and humanity of Jesus in this passage? What happens if you deny one or the other?

How does Paul's description of Christ change from 1:15-18a to 1:18b-20?

Use verses 20-23 to answer the following questions about reconciliation: What is it? Why is it needed? How was it made possible? Who will enjoy it? (See Romans 8:20-21) When will it be finally accomplished?

Explain the “if” statement of verse 23 in your own words. In particular, what is at stake by our continuance in the faith? Does our continued growth determine whether we are presented to Christ as saved or how Christ evaluates us at our inevitable presentation? What other Biblical passages address the eternal rewards of continued growth and obedience in this life?

Apply

In what ways does Jesus occupy the first place in your life? In what areas do other people or other things take priority over Jesus?

What truths about Christ do you want to remember when sharing about your faith in Him with others who do not know Him?

What specifically will you do this week to recognize Christ as preeminent, or before all things, in your daily life? Determine how this truth or principle impacts the relationships in our life where you live, work, study, or play.

Memorize: Colossians 1:19-20. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in the Son and through him to reconcile all things to himself by making peace through the blood of his cross—through him, whether things on earth or things in heaven.