

CHRIST: THE HOPE OF GLORY

“THE LORD CHIEF ROCKA”

Part 2 // Colossians 1:15-23 // Marcelo Pinell

A. COLOSSIAN HERESY (*Col 1:1-14*)

1. Troubled by Powers

2. Tempted to Pour

II. CHRIST HYMN (*Col 1:15-20*)

1. The LORD is Christ (v. 15a)

2. The LORD of the Cosmos (vv. 15b-16)

3. The LORD of the Church (vv. 17-20)

III. CHRIST'S HANGING (*Col 1:21-22*)

1. Hostility (v. 21)

2. Holiness (v. 22)

IV. CHRIST'S HOPE (*Col 1:23*)

1. Concupiscence Under the Prince of the Powers

2. Christ Over the Prince & Powers

3. Cross → Peace

4. Completion & Perseverance

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

1. ICE BREAKER: When you were a kid & found yourself in trouble, who did you turn to for help & why? What specific qualities or traits did they have that made you feel confident & reassured? Was it their kindness, wisdom, sense of humor, something else?
2. Our study this morning dove into the teaching of Christ's person and work. Paul reminded the Colossian saints that Jesus was more than a mortal man, wise teacher or prophet. The apostle proclaimed Jesus as the Supreme God of creation who is one with the Father and Spirit, and the Preeminent LORD of redemption. Take the time to reflect on the implications of Jesus' identity & work by discussing the following questions:
 - a) How does Jesus' identity shape your understanding of His providential & sustaining care of the cosmos, His involvement in Creation, as well as His redemption of it? How does this differ from other belief systems, like Atheism, Deism and Islam?
 - b) Why is Christ's identity important for having real authority over all powers and principalities? If the Son were not LORD & Creator, how might this affect His sovereign authority & power? How does a proper view of Christ give you confidence in His power to overcome evil in the world today & once and for all upon His Return?
 - c) How is Christ's identity foundational for resisting or countering false teachings and influences, similar to those faced by the Colossians? How does a High Christology encourage your personal walk & communal witness, especially when confronting challenges or opposition?
3. In light of Colossians 1:20, which speaks of Jesus reconciling all things to Himself through His blood shed on the cross, how does the role reversal seen in the cross impact our understanding of reconciliation and redemption? Why is it important to see the cross as central to the defeat of evil and the restoration of creation?"
4. Consider how the powers of this world often seek to assert dominance and control. In what ways does the cross of Christ subvert or turn this dynamic on its head? How does Jesus' sacrifice demonstrate a different kind of victory and why is this significant for our understanding of spiritual warfare?"
5. Colossians 1:23 speaks about continuing in the faith, firmly established and steadfast, and not shifting from the hope of the gospel. What are some daily challenges or temptations that might lead you to seek security or fulfillment outside of Jesus? What are the reasons and motivations Paul gives believers to being firmly rooted in Christ, regardless of their current circumstances?
6. How does hope in the gospel serve as the grounds for perseverance? In what ways does Jesus' identity and work on the cross encourage/challenge you to remain in Him? Read Col 3:1-17 together, what sin is God calling you to confess, kill, put off? What is He calling you to feast on, seek after and put on?