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Fix Our Eyes on Jesus-

How Not to Drift Away

(Colossians 1:14-20)

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Apostasy is Taught in the Bible

- 2 Peter 2:20-22: For if, after they have **escaped the pollutions of the world** through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are **again entangled in them** and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to **turn from the holy commandment** delivered to them.

Apostasy is Taught in the Bible 2

- Hebrews 6:4-6: For it is impossible for those who were **once enlightened**, and have **tasted the heavenly gift**, and have become **partakers of the Holy Spirit**, and have **tasted the good word of God** and the **powers of the age to come**, if they **fall away**, to renew them again to repentance, since they **crucify again for themselves the Son of God**, and put Him to an open **shame**.

Apostasy is Taught in the Bible 3

- Hebrews 10:26-29: For if we **sin willfully after** we have **received the knowledge of the truth**, there **no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has **trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?**

Colossian 1:14-20

- A. Jesus: the Redeemer - **through His blood** (1:14)
- B. Jesus: the **Image of the invisible God** (1:15a)
 - C. Jesus: the Creator- **firstborn over all creation** (1:15b-16)
 - D. Jesus: **the Sustainer** (1:17)
 - C. Jesus: the Head of the Church **firstborn from the dead** (1:18)
 - B. Jesus: the **Fullness of the Father** (1:19)
- A. Jesus: the Reconciler - **through the blood** of His cross (1:20)

Sermon Outline

A. The Price Jesus Paid for Us

- He is the redeemer through His blood (1:14)
- He is the reconciler through His blood (1:20)

B. The Power of Jesus' Image in Us

- He has the image (eikon or icon) of God (1:15a)
- He has the fullness of his Father (1:19)

C. The Plan Jesus has for Us

- He is the Firstborn over all creations (1:15b-16; Genesis 1; John 1:3)
- He is the Firstborn from the dead (1:18)

D. The Promise Jesus has to Us

- He sustains all things (1:17).
- In Jesus, all “things,” makes sense.

A. The Price Jesus Paid for Us

- He is the redeemer (1:14)**
- He is the reconciler (1:20)**

If we sin willfully, we will trample the Son of God underfoot, count the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insult the Spirit of grace (Hebrews 10:26-29)

A. Taking A Page from Joseph's Life

- When Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph by saying, "Lie with me"
- Joseph replied "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. *There is* no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you *are* his wife. **How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?**"
(Genesis 39:7-9)

B. The Power of Jesus' Image in Us

- He has the image (Eikon or icon) of God (1:15a)**
- He has the fullness of his Father (1:19)**

“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren” (Romans 8:29)

B. Taking A Page from Joseph's Life

- Potiphar saw that the LORD *was* with Joseph (Genesis 39:2)
- The Pharaoh called Joseph the Spirit of God (Genesis 41:38)
- And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-Paaneah – which means **God speaks and He lives** (Genesis 41:45)

C. The Plan Jesus has for Us

- He is the Firstborn over all creations (1:15b-16; Genesis 1; John 1:3)
- He is the Firstborn from the dead (1:18)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:3-5).

C. Taking A Page from Joseph's Life

- And Joseph said to his brethren, “I am dying; but **God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.**” Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, “God will surely visit you, and **you shall carry up my bones from here**”
(Genesis 50:24-25)

D. The Promise Jesus has to Us

- He sustains all things (1:17).**
- In Jesus, all “things,” makes sense**

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)

D. Taking A Page from Joseph's Life

- Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for *am* I in the place of God? **But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good**, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. (Genesis 50:19-21)

Have Faith, don't sin willfully against Christ
Have Love of Christ's image in us
Have Hope in the Christ's eternal promise
Trust that Christ will sustain all things – including us



Summary

- Then Paul gave them the good news in concentrated form (Colossians 1:21-23). Anyone who may have drifted from the faith should get re-focused on Jesus.

Challenge Praise Jesus for who He is and for all that He's done for you and for His promise.

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