

- g. He is the "Possessor all Fullness"
1:19

If the error confronting the Colossians was that of Gnosticism, this verse cut immediately into their teaching.

- h. He is the "Ground of Reconciliation"
1:20

It is in and by Him that we are returned to health with God.

4. The Service of the Son 1:20-23a

reconciliation...(see Eph. 2:15). He has made peace for us, perfecting us, through His death.

5. The Ministry of the Son 1:23b --2:3

Overall this is a very powerful section. The description given to Christ is one of the strongest in the New Testament. The importance He bears to us is assigned in very strong words. We are reminded without hesitation that our very spiritual being and life depends on our being "in the Son." And when we hold that position there is nothing more needed for us.

These things are seen practically in this theological section as subjects of believing doctrine. They will be seen as the motivational force in our lives in the section to come. Good practice in the Bible is always based upon good knowledge. We are not expected to perform miracles where no grounds for miracles exist. To know Christ is the basis for living for Christ. It is true, I think, that we cannot know everything but it is our privilege to know much and the growth of that knowledge conditions us to further appreciate and honor the Son of God.