

## "Wow, Woe, & Woo-hoo"

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### I. Colossians 1:15-23

**A. The title of this campfire sermon is "Wow, Woe, & Woo-Hoo." As we look at these 9 verses, we see 3 very important things when it comes to the Gospel...**

- 1) We see the supremacy of Jesus Christ, that is, the preeminent glory of God the Son, who always was, who is, and who ever shall be...
- 2) We see the state of fallen man; his alienation, enmity & hostility-- his rebellion demonstrated in his evil deeds-- against God his Maker...
- 3) And we see how God, via Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, broke thru the darkness in order to reconcile us to Himself... These are 9 extraordinary verses!

**B. Col. 1:15-20 is believed to be an early creedal hymn... Here's the Wow!**

- 1) V15 *He is the image of the invisible God, firstborn over all creation. (Firstborn--not an indication He was created but rather His position of beloved honor, preeminent sovereignty, with the full reigning coequal status with the Father. (As the Nicene Creed states: Very God of very God. Hebrews 1:2-3...*
- 2) V16 *By Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible & invisible... thrones, powers, rulers, authorities... all things were created by Him and for Him. (Jesus had quite a life before that smelly manger in Bethlehem!)*
- 3) V17 *He is before all things and in Him all things hold together. John 1:1-2; John 8:58... (Every bug on every tree, the galaxies, molecular structures, DNA...)*
- 4) V18 *And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. Head of the church triumphant & militant. We too will rise from the dead!*
- 5) V19-20 *For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. Before you see Jesus as a baby in a Bethlehem manger; before you see Him as a 12 year old boy asking questions at the Jerusalem temple; before you see Him as a young carpenter in Nazareth; before you see Him calling fisherman as followers; before you see Him whipped, crowned with thorns, nailed to a cross and suffocating in agony--you have to see Jesus as God--as God the Son in His preeminent glory... That's the Wow!*

**C. Col. 1:21 Our enmity, alienation & hostility towards God... Here's the Woe!**

- 1) V21 *Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. We were the planet's original hostiles...*
- 2) Even our good was bad... Rom. 3:23... Eph. 2:1-3...

**D. Col. 1:22-23 is the Good News part, the Woo-hoo part of this message!**

- 1) V21 *But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight without blemish and free from accusation... Eph 2:4-7; Rom. 5:6-11... That is big time woo-hoo Good News!*
- 2) V23 *... If you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel... A lot more people start races than finish them. The exhortation here is to persevere in your faith to the end...*

**E. The Wow part is fixed and unchangeable... The Woe part is something you've either been rescued from or you need to be... The Woo-hoo part? Jesus, God the Son, in all His holy, preeminent, sovereign glory, came to earth, died on a cross, and rose from the dead to save you from hostility, alienation, sin, & death- in order to make you His very own child... Receive Him with all your heart...**

\* Close with Prayer...

### Scriptures & Videos

"Ten Thousand Reasons" (Bless The Lord) by Matt Redman

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE\\_IRI0E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE_IRI0E)

Christ The Only Way--R.C. Sproul

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxX3kEJT88g>

"Jesus, Lead Me To Your Healing Waters" by the David Crowder Band

(Thanks Tyler Gorham-King of the Yellow Squirrels!)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHH15nI8Gus>

The Gospel in 6 Minutes--John Piper  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3psJWtT68WE>

Check Out This Marriage Proposal (It'll Make you Smile and Yank A Few Tears...)  
[http://www.godtube.com/watch/?v=0JE0JFNU&utm\\_source=GodTube%20Must-See%20-%20Mobile&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=10/08/2012](http://www.godtube.com/watch/?v=0JE0JFNU&utm_source=GodTube%20Must-See%20-%20Mobile&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=10/08/2012)

#### Colossians 1:15-23 (NIV)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. 21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation-- 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

#### Hebrews 1:1-3 (NIV)

1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

#### John 1:1-2 (ESV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.

#### John 8:58 (ESV)

58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

#### Romans 3:23 (ESV)

23 ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

#### Ephesians 2:1-7 (ESV)

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved--6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

#### Romans 5:6-11 (NIV)

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.