

THE CHRISTMAS *Story*



Creation



Fall



Redemption



Restoration

Sermon Guide

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The Fall: Long Lay the World in Sin & Error Pining

Colossians 1:21-23

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Long lay the world in sin and error pinning... In the sermon this week Pastor Billy explores the second part of the biblical storyline: the fall. We will seek to go beyond mere *description* of what is wrong with the world and instead seek to understand the Bible's *diagnosis* of what is wrong.

Colossians 1:21-23

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Sermon Notes

Intro

#1 The Epicenter of the Problem

#2 The Extent of the Damage

#3 God's Response

Discussion Questions

1. What was your biggest takeaway from the sermon this week?
2. What is the danger of making too little of sin? How does the culture do this? How are we tempted to do so even within the church?
3. What is the danger of making too much of sin? Of understanding the world only through the lens of the fall?
4. How can having a proper view our sin actually lead to spiritual growth?
5. Of all that Paul says in this verse about our sin problem, what is most relevant to you? How so?
6. Explain what Paul means by declaring we were once “alienated and hostile in mind.”
7. According to this passage, what is God’s response to our sin problem? Of all that is said here, what do you find most encouraging? How so?
8. What is one thing you will do as a result of studying this passage?