

Why My Life Is Falling Apart, Colossians 1:15-23 – May 26th, 2019

- I want to talk with you about something that by any stretch of the imagination would be deemed a powerful yet very simple truth.
- Namely, that of why it is our lives as Christians can seem to be falling apart, and what it is that we can do to keep it together.
- In order to do that, we first need to better understand what the Apostle Paul is saying to the Colossian Christians in our text.

- In verses 15-16 Paul says that Jesus is creator as the first over all creation and as such makes an unknowable God known.
- In verses 17-21 he tells them that it's Jesus who holds all things together by virtue of the supremacy that He has in everything.
- In verses 22-23 He says Christ has reconciled us and will present us holy without blemish if we remain steadfast in our faith.

- Let me hasten to say that Paul is in no way subscribing to this notion that we have to remain steadfast so as to remain saved.
- What he is saying here is that the proof of ones salvation is their continued sanctification, which is where the goal posts are.
- This explains why it is that some who make a profession of faith were never really saved to begin with if they don't continue on.

- Actually, this sort of dovetails into what I would argue is the take-away from the text as it relates to a Christ centered godly life.
- Here's why, when Jesus is in His rightful place on the throne of our life, at the center of our life, we will live a holy and godly life.
- While I know that this may seem simplistic, it's when Jesus is at the center of our life, everything will be held together in our life.

- This is what Paul is saying in the sense that, Jesus Christ as creator, literally holds everything in the entire universe together.
- Truth be made known, this has been and remains a profound enigma in the world of physics, such that, they have no answer.
- However, we as Christians have the answer in the Word of God as to Who it is and how it is that the universe is held together.

Hebrews 1:3a - The Son is the gleaming brightness of God's glory. He is the exact likeness of God's being. He uses his powerful word to hold all things together.

Ray Steadman of this wrote, "That is an amazing statement. It is put in the present tense, saying that he is the One who is keeping things going right now. Stanford University is the site of a linear accelerator, a mighty two-mile long atom smasher. It is a great lever with which scientists try to pry the lid off the secrets of matter and discover what is in the miniature world of the atom, the neutron, and the proton. Linear Accelerator scientists have discovered a complexity they never dreamed of, and they have found particles that they cannot even invent enough names for. But one thing they are consistently discovering is that there is some strange force that holds everything together. They do not know what to call it, and they do not know how to identify it. They talk about a kind of 'cosmic glue' that holds things together. Isn't it fascinating that here in the Word of God you have that exact kind of terminology used of Jesus! If you want a name for the force that holds the universe together it is very simple: His name is Jesus. He sustains the universe by his powerful word."

I like how another commentator explained it, there's an interesting law of science known as Coulomb's Law of Electricity, which says that like charges repel. You can prove Coulomb's Law by pushing the positive ends of two magnets toward each other and feeling them repel each other. Opposite charges attract; like charges repel. But here's a great mystery: In the nucleus of the atom, protons are packed together that are all positive-charged particles. What keeps these positive-charged protons from repelling like the magnets? What holds them together? Science doesn't know. You can study Quantum Physics and learn lots of theories, yet to this day, it's a mystery to scientists—but not to believers, for Scripture tells us the real answer. It is Jesus Christ who holds all things together. And the day is coming when suddenly He will let go.

2 Peter 3:10 - But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

- I'll close with a question that I think we would all do well to consider in light of this truth that Jesus Himself holds it all together.
- If Jesus can hold the entirety of the universe together, wouldn't it stand to reason that He could hold my entire life together too?
- Here's the bottom line, if Jesus is at the center of my life He will hold me together emotionally physically mentally and spiritually.