

Day 5 Colossians 1:15-20

May we keep this ever in front of us. Amen

This small paragraph is the story of redemption, the proof of Christ being the promised Messiah. God and man. This text is a well for us when we need to reach deep for joy. It is our assurance of the love of a Sovereign God.

The Bible is not an instructional manual on how to behave. It is not a book of rules of how to make ourselves right before God. It's not a self-help book on how to live a better life. It's much better.

We are not writing God into our story; we have been written into His ancient story of a promise. The Bible isn't the story of what to do, it is a story of what has been done. Redemption.

The Bible is the story of salvation from beginning to end. The Old Testament reveals the promise, the New Testament is the fulfillment of the promise. The thread of the Bible is about God's right arm of salvation, Jesus Christ.

One thing that will become evident when we become agile with the Bible is how the dots connect.

There was a promise of reconciling humanity to God through His own means in Genesis after the fall of man.

This was the same promise Abraham relied on when he put his son Isaac on the altar telling his son, "God will provide."

This is the same promise that allowed Moses to part the Red Sea, and the same promise that gave Joshua courage.

It is the same promise that David declared before a giant. It is the promise that made him a king whose line would give birth to the Messiah.

It is the same promise in which the prophets spoke and even died to proclaim.

It is the same promise that made shepherds leave their livelihood to seek, and the same promise that wise men journeyed to worship.

It was a promise fulfilled for a man named Simeon, when he held a baby born to be the light of the Gentiles and glory of the people of Israel.

It was the ancient promise seen by certain disciples in the transfiguration of Jesus, as He joined Moses and Elijah for a meeting that left them in awe.

This Jesus became the promise that could not be held down by any power and authority. He became the promise that would be resurrected and link us to the promise of our Father.

Jesus Christ was the promise from the beginning, salvation's story is now ours. He came, He rose from the dead, we are guaranteed he will return.

This piece of scripture is the validation of the credibility of Jesus as the Messiah. The savior of the ancients is the very same faith we hold. We are recipients of that ancient promise.