

John 14-17 in Colossians part 2

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!!9+ For it pleased the Father that "In Him" (Jesus) all the fullness (of the Father) should dwell. And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself whether things on earth or things in heaven, **having made peace through the blood of the cross.**

Here we have again the gospel, the good news. The topic of a right relationship with God the Father. The good news that in the here and now we have a right relationship with God the Father like Adam and Eve had before the fall. Not by a redeeming from planet earth as an act to be performed at a certain place in time called the second coming of Jesus, another Jesus, but, and I quote verbatim from Colossians "**having made peace through the blood of the cross.**"

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When Jesus said "I am the way" and "Follow Me that where I am you may be also" and "You shall not follow me now but you shall follow me after" having shed His blood they did not have to follow Him through that. But now defeating Satan sin and death we follow Him. We put our faith in this Jesus. To be "In Christ" is to partake of His death gifted to us so that we don't have to have death performed on our mortality. By faith we are catapulted past death to eternal life by this gift. As it says in Romans 8 that the body is dead because of sin, but if Christ dwells in you it is His spirit that gives life to your dead body and not a rapture or a future resurrection.

Â This is our confession at baptism, to align ourselves with that invisible fact. That John also attests to (5.24).

We "who were once alienated and enemies in our mind by wicked works (of doubts and disbelieving) yet now (not a second coming) He has reconciled us in the body of His flesh through His death to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable in His sight"- How? Through the death of the body of His flesh, **having made peace through the blood of the cross.** The second coming Jesus simply cannot do this. And this is not an I.O.U. from God to be a redeemer at a second coming.

You see Jesus does not have to repeat Himself or redo the work of the cross in another way like a future redemption from planet earth in a visible way because you cant see it now. For "we were enemies in our mind". It is that the mind is renewed by one who has faith in the Christ who shed His blood to accomplish the work the Father gave Him, which was to reconcile your mind from wicked thoughts of denial, like a second coming mindset.

Having made peace through the blood of the cross we have access to the Father as we place ourselves in Christ Gods perfect sacrifice. The Father accepts Him on our behalf and we don't have to wait for a visible act for this to be true in some future Jesus. But through the blood now.

This is His act that fulfills the words "Father that they may be with Me where I am. That they may behold My glory. That the glory you have given Me I have given them. You just have to have faith. These things all being gifted to us by the cross and not actualized or recieved at certain days on a time frame but the time frame of faith. "Walk according to what you have received. (Phil 3...)

The Kingdom of God is at hand.