

## Today's Talk:

Pastor Tim Vink continues looking at Jesus as the superstar of the supernatural realm of heaven. He bridges the gap between heaven and earth like no one else ever could, to reconcile us to a perfect God. Surprisingly, Jesus then commits to us the ministry and message of reconciliation. Come and see how this gospel life grows in us now.

Super Series (2024)  
**"God's Superstar: The Supremacy of Jesus"**  
Discovery Christian Reformed Church  
October 6, 2024  
Communion Sunday

Text: Colossians 1:15-20; 2 Cor. 5:18

Theme: Every Christian reconciled to God through Christ can participate in his global reconciliation movement.

Key congregational question: Can we grow? (will Jesus add new people to our fellowship)

Adult unlearning: we can always, always forgive others in Christ (drop offense)

Exit behavior: reconcile an old story into a new story as ambassadors

Open: Who are some of your favorite superstars...in the Olympics? in the NFL? Major league baseball? Music? Movies? God's superstar of the supernatural realm is Jesus...now a global GOAT (greatest of all time). He's great at a lot of things, but listen in the last verse here of Colossians 1:15-20 for one particular superstar skill. (the superstar of reconciliation)

8x the word "all" is used: Jesus is top of field, best in category, ranked #1.

I. The Gap...is real...wide...deep. More Grand Canyon than mud puddle. **How does Jesus reconcile us to God?**

- a. Passport from the homeland: comes near to us, like us in our humanity except without sin, friend of sinners.
- b. Alignment continues with heaven: "of the spiritual realm" (Gal. 6:1), eyes on the Father always.
- c. Gives more *agape love*; initiates while we are still enemies, makes peace through his blood shed on the cross. Self-sacrificing instead of self-preserving.
- d. Full of grace and truth at the same time. His kindness leads us to repentance.

II. Freely receive, freely give. **How can we Christians also be given this ministry of reconciliation when Jesus is such a superstar?** 2 Corinthians 5:18

- a. Jesus gives us a passport, a new identity as ambassadors of heaven's reconciliation.
- b. Our reconciliation experience gives us a perpetual testimony of grace.
- c. Jesus love in us compels us toward others...2 Cor. 5:14

- d. Secret of his superpower...Jesus had daily help, and we have the same help by the Holy Spirit for this ministry of reconciliation.

III. Why we can always, always forgive someone...