

Reconciled

Colossians 1:21–23

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Main Idea: “Through His Son, God is reconciling a people who must persevere in faith.”

Outline: Five Critical Insights about our Reconciliation in Christ

- I. The Need for Reconciliation (v. 21)**
 - a. You were Alienated from God**
 - b. You were Enemies of God**
 - i. In Mind**
 - ii. In Deed**
- II. The Lord of Reconciliation (v. 22)**
- III. The Means of Reconciliation (v. 22)**
- IV. The Purpose of Reconciliation (v. 22)**
- V. The Warning concerning Reconciliation (v.23)**

Extending the Impact:

1. How much sin did it take for man to become an enemy of God? (Genesis 3:6-7; Romans 3:8,24, Romans 5:10).
2. With the “simple” act of Adam’s sin, what were the consequences to our first parents. List the effects and consequences of this “minor” fruit eating act.
3. Have you trusted in the finished work of Christ on the cross? Have you been rescued from the domain of darkness and transferred to the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ there is redemption, and the forgiveness of sins. Take the time to evaluate your own status before the Lord. Have you by faith repented from your sin and by faith trusted in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross?



4. Dwell on the words in verse 22, “Yet He” or “But Now” and the parallel passage “But God” found in Ephesians 2:4. Take time to thank God for your salvation and His unfailing, steadfast love. Rejoice! These two words are the sweetest words in the Bible. Why?
5. Even though Paul had not personally evangelized in Colossae, his ministry in Ephesus led to the founding of the Colossian church. List some practical ways you can declare the message of reconciliation to your family and friends. How about declaring the Gospel message in Parker County? (2 Cor. 5:18)
6. Verse 22. God has reconciled you to present your body holy and blameless, striving to become what you will one day truly be. Read Romans 6:13. What are some ways you can practically “present your body” as a living sacrifice before our Lord? (Romans 12:1-2)
7. Reread verse 23 and describe the significance of the words “if indeed” you continue in the faith. Hint: “*if indeed*” serves to focus the attention upon a single idea, and place it, as it were, in the limelight.”
8. “*Perseverance is the hallmark of the true saint.*” (MacArthur). Explain this quote and how is the perseverance of the saint correctly described in verse 23?
9. Describe the believer’s *responsibility to endure* balanced by God’s promise to keep the believer energized in his faith. Read both 1 Peter 1:5 and Jude 21-24 to explain this careful balance.
10. Look up the following passages and discuss the how the hope of Christ’s return should motivate the believer to live a righteous lifestyle. Remember it’s the direction of ones living a Christlike life not perfectionism. Perfectionism is reserved for eternity. (John 17:24; Rom. 8:17-19, 30; Col. 1:5, 27; Tit. 2:13)

