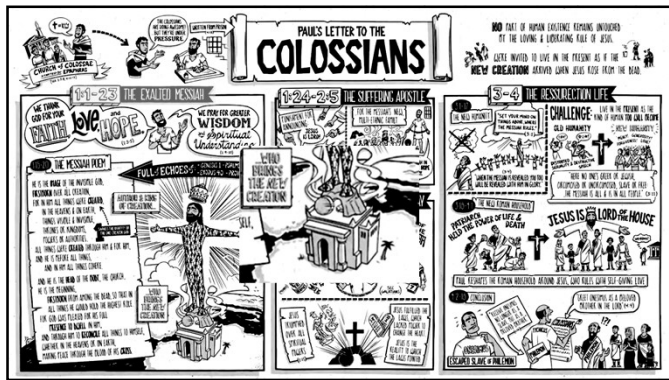


NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST

The Book of Colossians

RECONCILED EXILES (1:21-23)

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CHRIST'S WORK IN RECONCILIATION (21-22)

And you,
 who once **were alienated** (Eph2:12, 18)
 and **enemies in mind**,
 doing **evil deeds**,
 he has **now reconciled** [to God] (Col1:20)
 in his body of flesh by his death,
 in order to **present** you **holy** and **blameless**
 and **above reproach before him**,

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OUR MAINTENANCE OF RECONCILIATION (23)

if indeed you **continue** in the faith,
stable and steadfast,
not shifting from the **hope** of the gospel that you heard,
which *has been* proclaimed in all creation under
heaven,
and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

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RESPONSE

- Our story is not new, but inclusionary to all God had already been doing - engrafted, adopted, accepted, resurrected, seated
- Jesus is our High Priest, having presented us to God as holy sacrifices because of His death
- Those who have been reconciled to God through the work of Christ and His Spirit are no longer at enmity with Him
- God has given new minds and deeds that are at peace with Him and submitted to Him
 - What about the struggle?
 - Having switched sides, we are now at war with our “flesh”, inward remaining sinful tendencies
 - It is our call to remain steadfast and unshifting in hope

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