

“The Goal of Reconciliation” (Colossians 1:19-23)

* How impressed are you with Christ?

- I. THE SALUTATION TO THE COLOSSIANS (1:1-2)
- II. THE PRAYERS OF PAUL AND TIMOTHY FOR THE COLOSSIANS (1:3-14)
- III. THE PRE-EMINENCE OF CHRIST'S POSITION AND WORK (1:15-23)
 - A. The GNOSTIC View of Christ
 - B. PREEMINENCE of Christ's POSITION.
 - C. The PREEMINENCE of Christ's WORK.

1. In Relation to God the Father:

- a) It pleased God the Father to purpose that _____ Jesus Christ all the _____ of God would _____ in reconciliation. (1:19)

2. In Relation to Creation:

- a) It pleased God the Father to purpose that _____ Jesus Christ all things would be _____ to God. (1:20)

* What does "reconciliation" mean?

* What does the particular Greek word here stress?

7 TRUTHS ABOUT RECONCILIATION

1. The **meaning** of reconciliation denotes _____.
2. The **need** of reconciliation is because _____.
3. The **agent** of reconciliation is _____.
4. The **means** of reconciliation is only thru _____ and the _____.
5. The **accomplishment** of reconciliation is _____.
6. The **object** of reconciliation is the _____.
7. The **goal** of reconciliation is to change completely a sinner's relationship _____, as man must be reconciled to God, never vice-versa.

3. In Relation to the Church:

- a) Verses 21-23 explain the _____ and _____ of Christ's work on your life as His child.

b) PRIOR to Salvation, we were all...

1. _____ from God

2. _____ of God

* What does this mean?

* This enmity was both _____ and _____

* How was this expressed in your life?

c) AT Salvation, the believer is:

1. _____ to God

2. Reconciled to God by means of the _____ of Jesus Christ's _____ through His substitutionary and sacrificial _____.

* What does "in the body of his flesh" signify?

* Why emphasize the past condition?

d) POST Salvation, Christ has:

1. purposed in reconciliation is that you be **presented** before God as...

a. _____ before God.

b. _____ before God.

c. _____ before God.

* Are these desired realities positional or conditional in nature?

2. This occurs by realizing that you are _____ and _____ in the faith

And requires that each believer...

a. _____ in the faith and

b. not be _____ from the _____ of the Gospel.

* What should this mean to You?