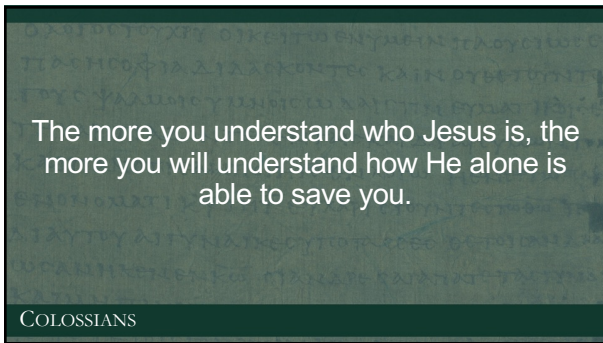
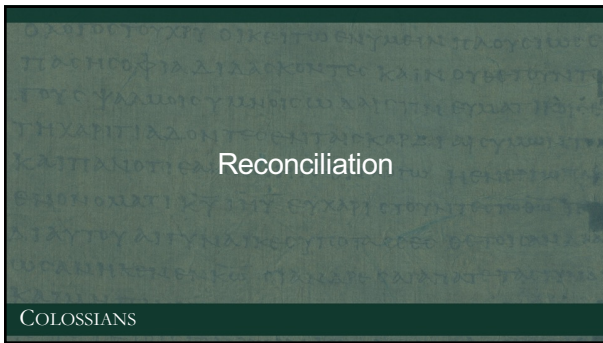


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People do not naturally love God and desire to live lives pleasing to Him. Instead, they naturally hate God, and desire to live lives pleasing to themselves.

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What does it mean to be alienated from God?

It has to do with relational distance.

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Colossians 1:9-10

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Instead of being hostile in mind resulting in evil, the believer is filled with the knowledge of God which causes them to produce good works/good fruit.

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Ephesians 4:17-23

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Those who are alienated from God reveal it in their thinking and their behavior.

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Those who have been reconciled to God think
reveal it in their thinking and in their behavior.

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You have been relationally changed from
being alienated to being a member of the
family of God.

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Who reconciled the alienated Colossians
to God?

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Romans 5:6-11

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Notice the extreme contrast from being alienated from God because of sin, to being presented to God as holy, blameless, and above reproach.

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Colossians 1:5

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These three terms used in a row add strength upon strength to the eschatological reconciliation of these believers that Christ will fully accomplish.

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Romans 2:5-8

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People will either die with all of their sins stored up or die with all of their sins forgiven. There is no in-between.

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2 Peter 3:10-14

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The gospel is not just required at the beginning of your salvation but remains the source of strength for the continuance of your salvation.

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True believers hear the gospel, believe the gospel, and continue to believe the gospel.

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Jesus is the Reconciler between God and man, to reject Jesus is to reject all hope of reconciliation with God.

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1 John 2:19-24

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Today, may you bask in the beauty of all that salvation means as you look forward to the eschatological hope of being presented by Christ to God the Father as holy, blameless, and above reproach into the dwelling place of God.

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Series: Colossians

Sermon: Colossians 1:21-23

1. Have you found that some Christians treat the gospel as information that is only important for conversion? _____ Why should the gospel be a source of continued strength for the believer?

2. Why would the message of reconciliation seem like nonsense to a world who has created a “God” who already loves everyone as they are?

B. How would you speak with someone who did not believe that they needed to be reconciled to God?

C. What passages could you point to in order to help someone see their need for reconciliation?

3. Eschatology (the study of the end) can be quite confusing, but it can also be quite simple. What end, or

future, does Paul tell the Colossians to look to for comfort? See Col. 1:5, 22.

B. Will a Christian who well embraces their future inheritance and status before God tend to produce more, or less, fruit in this life? See Col. 1:5-6 and 2 Peter 3:11.

B. How should knowing where you are going to spend eternity and that the Son of God is the One that will present you as holy, blameless, and above reproach comfort you in this life? See Rom. 8:31-39

4. Paul believed in the power of the gospel (see Romans 1:16) and spent his life proclaiming the gospel (see Col. 1:23). Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. What does Paul mean that “we are ambassadors for Christ?”

What does this have to do with reconciliation?

How could you become a better ambassador of Christ and an advocate for others to be reconciled to God?
