

Questions

1. Reread Colossians 1:15-20. What are some of the chief lessons you see about the supremacy of Jesus Christ?
2. Looking back, what are some ways you clearly see that you were separated from God, hostile in your thinking, and evil in your actions?
3. Short of being outright blasphemous, what are some ways that an unbeliever's thinking can be hostile towards God?
4. How would you explain what it means to be reconciled to God?
5. Why did Paul emphasize that Jesus died in His "physical body," or "body of flesh"?
6. Have you ever wrestled with any doubts, fears, or questions about your salvation? What did you do in response?
7. What's the warning if someone calls his or herself a Christian, but continuously finds no hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ.
8. What does it mean that "the gospel has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven"?
9. How are you being a herald of the good news of Jesus Christ?

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with you.*

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But Now

Colossians 1:21-23

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Colossians 1:21-23 gives us three ways to respond to the cosmic supremacy of Jesus that was declared in the glorious hymn of Colossians 1:15-20.

1. A Contrast to Know (1:21-22)

We were alienated from God.

We were hostile in our thinking.

3.A Confession to Declare (1:23b)

We were evil in our actions.

On account of the reconciliation God provided through Jesus:

We have been brought near (into fellowship with Him).

Apokatalasso – to be fully reconciled to God
(changed)

We are being transformed to be holy, faultless, and blameless before him.

2.A Condition to Obey (1:23a)

Our perseverance in the gospel is as much a work of God's power and grace as our salvation was in the first place.

This call to unwavering faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ is not a condemnation of all questions or fears.

if indeed you remain grounded and steadfast in the faith and are not shifted away from the hope of the gospel that you heard.