

# Christ Over All

## A study in Colossians

Before and After Reconciliation  
Colossians 1:21-23  
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*"...he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him"*  
- Colossians 1:22

### I. BEFORE RECONCILIATION WITH GOD (Vs. 21)

- People are not basically good (Genesis 8:21; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Ephesians 2:3; Romans 3:11).
- Alienated from God (Vs.21; Ephesians 4:17-18).
- Hostile in mind (Romans 1:21, 8:7).
- Doing evil deeds (John 3:19-20; Isaiah 64:6).

### II. AFTER RECONCILIATION WITH GOD (Vs. 22)

- Those in Christ have the most incredible, wonderful and undeserved before and after story there is (Vss. 21-22).
- Jesus, in a body of flesh, died and was raised bodily to life (Vs.22; Romans 5:8-10).
- Reconciliation is all from God (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).
- Those in Christ are seen as perfect in God's sight and have peace with God (Vs. 22; Romans 5:1).

### III. LIVING RECONCILIATION WITH GOD (Vs. 23)

- A warning to continue in the faith (Vs.23; 1 John 2:19).
- Those in Christ strive in perseverance because God preserves them (Jude 1, 20-25).
- If you are in Christ, daily praise and thank God that he has reconciled you to himself through Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).
- We must seek reconciliation with others as far as it depends on us (Romans 12:17-21).
- Share the gospel so that others may be reconciled to God through Christ (Vs.23).

**KNOW:** People outside of Christ are enemies of God. Those in Christ are reconciled to God and have peace with God. Your only hope for salvation and sanctification (growing to become more like Jesus) is to not drift from the gospel.

**DO:** Daily thank and praise God that he reconciled you to himself. Do all you can to be reconciled with others. Share the gospel that others may be reconciled to God. Strive in persevering in the faith knowing that God will preserve you in the faith.

#### Suggested Reading:

*The Gospel of Jesus Christ* by Paul Washer

*A Gospel Primer for Christians* by Milton Vincent

#### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

##### Please Read Colossians 1:21-23

1. Are you daily thankful for being reconciled to God through Jesus? In what specific measurable ways does your life show this?
2. Why should the doctrine of the total depravity of mankind be communicated to both believers and unbelievers?
3. Explain specifically how a holy and just God can be reconciled to people who hate him and are his enemies (which described all of us at one time).
4. Why does an unreconciled state between believers not tell the truth about the gospel?
5. What are we to do as far as it depends on us to be reconciled with others? (Matthew 7:1-5; 18:15-18; Romans 12:17-21; Ephesians 4:31-32)
6. Share your before and after story **and** the gospel with both unbelievers and believers.