



COLOSSIANS
**“The Promise of Our
Reconciliation”**
Colossians 1:20-23
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Read Colossians 1:19-23

Reconcile to change or exchange; to completely bring back into full harmony, to restore - a change in relationship

The plan of our reconciliation Vs 20-21

1) **The who & what:** His entire creation **Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 8:20-22**

2) **The why:**

- ✓ We were estranged from God **Ephesians 2:12**
- ✓ We were enemies of God **Romans 8:7**
- ✓ We were engaged in evil against God **John 3:19-20**

The process of our reconciliation Vs 20b, 22a

1) **Christ died as our sacrifice** **John 10:17-18; 1 Peter 2:24**

2) **Christ died as our substitute** **Romans 8:3; 5:6-11; 3:25-26 (NCV)**

The purpose of our reconciliation Vs 22b

1) **He makes us upright**

Ephesians 1:4 & 2 Corinthians 5:19,21

2) **He makes us unblemished** **Hebrews 9:14**

3) **He makes us unimpeachable**

Romans 8:33; Revelation 12:10; Colossians 3:10; 2 Corinthians 3:18

The proof of our Reconciliation Vs 23

1) **We are continuing in our faith** **1 John 2:19; Philippians 2:12-13**

2) **We are certain & centered** **1 Corinthians 15:58**

3) **We are consistent** **Philippians 1:27**

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Our Response:

- 1) What does “making peace through the blood of His cross” teach us about the seriousness of sin and the need for atonement?
- 2) How is the believer declared “holy and blameless” before God, and why is this only possible through Christ?
- 3) How is being “free from accusation” different from being sinless
- 4) How does understanding that reconciliation is by God’s grace, not human effort, affect the way you forgive others or yourself?
- 5) Why is steadfastness in faith & continuing in hope of the gospel essential for those who have been reconciled to God?
- 6) How and with who can you actively share the message of reconciliation with someone who is far from Christ?