

## Colossians 1:21-23

### The Gospel of Reconciliation

#### *5 Aspects of the Gospel of Reconciliation*

The Necessity of Reconciliation (v. 21)

The Means of Reconciliation (v. 22a)

The Outcome of Reconciliation (v. 22b)

The Evidence of Reconciliation (v. 23a)

The Minister of Reconciliation (v. 23b)

## Application of Colossians 1:21-23

1. Reflect upon the truth of total depravity i.e. the biblical truth that humanity is born sinners and this affects every aspect of our being so that we do not seek God of our own accord (Rom 3:10-18), we were dead in our trespasses and sins (Eph 2:1-3); were enemies of God (Rom 5:10); unable and unwilling to please God (Rom 8:7-8); and more (Titus 3:3). This truth is important to understand in order to grasp the greatness of God's salvation!
2. How does the depravity of unbelievers impact your view of politics, media, the legal system, and education, knowing that these spheres are largely run by unbelievers? How does it affect your perspective on evangelism?
3. Consider the following verses that describe the necessity of Christ's death to reconcile us to God, Is 53; Rom 5:10; 8:3; Heb 9:14, 22, 26; 1 Pet 2:24; 3:18. Thank God for the death of His Son on the cross.
4. Through the work of Christ, believers have received a new status... "holy, blameless, and above reproach." These terms don't describe our behaviour, but describe how God views us in Christ, although we are also to strive toward living this status out through our behaviour. How does this description encourage and challenge you?
5. Commit to think through the main points of salvation from this text (our sin, our need for reconciliation, Christ's death, our new standing before God, and the need to continue in/live out our faith) each day this week. Remembering the Gospel will lead us to holy living, humble us, help our relationships, grow our evangelistic focus etc.
6. What is the hope of the Gospel? Do a word study on the word "hope." 1) Go to <https://www.biblegateway.com/>; 2) type "hope" in the search bar; 3) you may want to filter results for the NT only; 4) write down or copy and paste verses that are relevant to Gospel hope; 5) be blessed and encouraged by such truth!

Reading this week: Continue reading Colossians 1 this week. I plan to preach Col 1:24-27 next week.

## Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	<b>The Gospel of Reconciliation</b>	
<u>Chapter</u>	The _____ of Reconciliation (v. _____)	
	The _____ of Reconciliation (v. _____ a)	
	The _____ of Reconciliation (v. _____ b)	
<u>Verses</u>	The _____ of Reconciliation (v. _____ a)	
	The _____ of Reconciliation (v. _____ b)	

### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Gospel	Hope	Reconciliation	Word

What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: