

RECONCILED!
COLOSSIANS 1:19-23
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The grand purpose in God's scheme of redemption is to reconcile man to Himself. Sin separates man from God (Isa. 59:1-2). If we are in darkness, we cannot have fellowship with Him who is light (1 Jn. 1:5-6). Man needs divine help, and God is pleased to provide it. Consider what the apostle Paul writes in Colossians 1:19-23 concerning our reconciliation:

MADE POSSIBLE BY CHRIST

"For it pleased the Father that in Him [Christ, mwg] all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross" (vv. 19-20). Jesus is the key component in God's plan of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18-21). Jesus, by His death on the cross for our sins, became the way by which all men could be saved. We cannot be reconciled to our God through any other person or means. This is why we must hear and obey Jesus today.

PRESENTABLE IN HIS SIGHT

"And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and irreproachable in His sight..." (vv. 21-22). In Christ we are washed, justified, and sanctified. We are made useful for the Master's service. By the blood of Jesus, we are cleansed and made holy in order that we may present our bodies as living sacrifices (Rom. 12:1).

CONDITIONED ON OUR FAITHFULNESS

"...if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard..." (v. 23). Our walk with God will continue as long as we walk in the light of His word, the faith once for all delivered (1 Jn. 1:7-2:5; Jude 3). If we walk in any other pathway than God's, we will lose our hope and our reconciliation with Him. Have you been reconciled to God? Are you faithful? Be reconciled to God today!