

THE SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST'S RECONCILIATORY WORK

(Colossians 1:19-23)

I. AN INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

II. PRAYERS FOR THE COLOSSIANS (1:3-14)

III. THE PREEMINENCE OF JESUS CHRIST'S POSITION (1:15-18)

IV. THE PERFECT SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST'S WORK (1:19-2:3)

A. Revealed Generally in A Complete Reconciliation (1:19-20)

1. It pleased God the Father to purpose that _____ Jesus Christ all the _____ of God would _____ in human flesh. (v. 19)
2. It pleased God the Father to purpose that _____ Jesus Christ all things would be _____ to God. (v. 20)

FIVE TRUTHS ABOUT RECONCILIATION

1. The **meaning** of reconciliation denotes to change completely from _____ to _____.
2. The **need** of reconciliation is because man is _____ and God is _____.
3. The **means** of reconciliation is only through _____ and His _____ that was shed on the cross.
4. The **object** of reconciliation is the _____.
5. The **goal** of reconciliation is to completely change a sinner's relationship _____ as man must be reconciled to God, never vice versa.

B. Revealed Specifically in A Personal Reconciliation (1:21-23b)

1. The Colossian Christians' Previous Condition Prior to Salvation (v. 21a) ...
 - a. they were all _____ from God
 - b. they were also _____ of God

c. This enmity was both _____ (“*in your mind*”) and _____ (“*by wicked works*”).

2. Their Complete Reconciliation to God (vv. 21b-22a)

a. These believers in Christ had been _____ to God.

b. These Christians were reconciled by means of the _____ of Jesus’ _____ through His substitutionary and sacrificial _____.

3. Their Intended Maturation before God (v. 22b)

God's purpose behind this completed positional reconciliation is to adjust our walk progressively so as to present each believer practically as...

a. _____ before God.

b. _____ before God.

c. _____ before God.

4. Their Anticipated Continuation in the Gospel (v. 23)

a. If these saints were to spiritually progress it would require that they _____ in the _____.

b. If these Christians were to spiritually mature it would require that they remain steadfast and not be _____ from the _____ of the Gospel.

* How does this apply to you?