

Reconciled with Purpose

Colossians 1:21-23

A. You have been reconciled. (1:21-22a)

1. Who needs to be reconciled to God?

- those who are alienated and enemies
- those who think and do wrong things

2. Who did the work of reconciliation?

- Jesus, who died to bring peace
- Who does NOT need to do the work of reconciliation?
- Is the work already done?
- Is everyone in the world reconciled?
- What is the response from sinners that God requires in order to be reconciled?

**What are some other angles to view reconciliation to God?*

- Welcomed into God's family (John 1:12, Gal. 3:26-4:6) –
- Declared righteous in God's sight (Rom. 1:21-28, Gal. 2:16) –
- Delivered from the eternal destiny of eternal death (Rom. 1:16, Eph. 2:8-9, Tit. 3:5) –
- Released from the guilt of sin (Col. 1:14, 2:13) –
- Released from the grip of sin (Col. 1:14, Tit 2:14) –
- Eternally identified with Jesus Christ (Col. 1:2, Eph. 1:1-14) –

B. God's purpose in reconciling you is a beautiful maturity. (1:22b-23)

1. What is the practical purpose of this reconciliation?

- to present you (a certain way) in His sight

- holy
- blameless
- above reproach

2. What is the condition for this purpose being realized?

- "If you continue in the faith"
- "grounded"
- "steadfast"
- "not moved away from the hope of the gospel"

** If you want to walk with the Lord, what can this passage help you to see?*