

# Colossians - Chapter 1

## “Christ's Cross Work - The Key to God's Plan”

### Colossians 1:20-21

#### Verse 20

1. In verses 15-19, Paul dealt with the **Person** of Christ. Now, Paul will deal with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. If Christ was not God in His Person, then His **work** was not sufficient.
  - The governmental structures of heaven and earth were created to glorify Jesus Christ, but right now they are both filled with Satan's policy of evil.
    - Creation was \_\_\_\_\_ - Genesis 1 (**Past**)
    - Creation is now \_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 8:22 (**Present**)
    - Creation will one day be \_\_\_\_\_ - Revelation 21-22;  
Romans 8:21 (**Future**)
2. A plan of reconciliation had to be designed and implemented. The \_\_\_\_\_ that fills the universe and the earth had to be dealt with, paid for, and purged with a final and complete sacrifice.
3. This is why Christ's work on the cross was absolutely essential.
4. Christ (on the cross) was defeating Satan and his angels, and thereby guaranteeing their eventual \_\_\_\_\_ and casting away to the Lake of Fire. The heavens and earth will be purged and \_\_\_\_\_, resulting in a new heaven and new earth for the saved to dwell in for all eternity.
5. At last, the governmental structures of heaven and earth will do what they were originally designed to do—\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.
  - The word “*peace*” means “harmony.” Christ's atoning sacrifice for sin made it possible for the things in heaven and earth to be brought back into \_\_\_\_\_ with God. Hebrews 9:23-26

## Verse 21

1. God invites man to participate in His great, cosmic, eternal plan. God's ultimate plan of reconciliation for His creation awaits fulfillment, but mankind can be reconciled to God right \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Because of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, God now offers to us the forgiveness of our \_\_\_\_\_ and the very resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.
  - The only thing that will help a dead man is \_\_\_\_\_! This is what God gives to us the moment we trust Christ. Ephesians 2:4-6