

# Colossians - Chapter 1

## “Our Presentation Day at the Judgment Seat”

### Colossians 1:22-23

#### Verse 22

1. If I am alienated from God, and an enemy of God, a way of peace must be made if I am to have any hope. I can't help myself! How can a person dead in his sins make a way of peace with a holy God?
2. There has to be a \_\_\_\_\_ - somebody to initiate a way of peace. This is what Christ did.
  - *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.” 1 Timothy 2:5-6*
3. Jesus Christ made it possible for us to be reconciled to God in the body of His flesh through death. He took our \_\_\_\_\_ on Himself.
4. There was no other way for Him to legally and justly be able to pay for our sins other than to take on our human flesh, and then choose to \_\_\_\_\_ in our place.
  - *“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly... But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:6, 8*
5. Enemies of God can only be reconciled to God \_\_\_\_\_ way - in the body of Christ's flesh through death.
6. But God does nothing without a purpose. Notice God's purpose in reconciliation: *“...to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight.”*
7. God's purpose in reconciliation is to \_\_\_\_\_ our wicked works (vs. 21) into good and holy works. Ephesians 2:10
  - *“Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” Titus 2:14*

8. The end of verse 22 is dealing with the fact that every reconciled believer in the body of Christ will one day be **presented** before Christ at the Judgment Seat of Christ.
  - *“But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.”* **Romans 14:10**
9. This will be where each of us will be held accountable for what we have done with the new \_\_\_\_\_ we have received in Christ.
10. Christ's goal in reconciliation is to one day present you as a fully \_\_\_\_\_ believer who lived a holy and acceptable (Romans 12:1) life on earth. 2 Corinthians 5:10-11
  - *“Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.”* **1 Corinthians 3:13-15**
11. The issue in Colossians 1:22 is not sin. Sin is dealt with and taken care of by the cross the moment you are saved. The issue at our presentation day will be our \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Corinthians 4:2
  - Were we faithful to continue in the faith? Were we faithful to study God's Word and grow and mature in Christ? Were we faithful to look for Christ's coming and live in anticipation of it? 2 Timothy 4:8

### **Verse 23**

1. If we are to stand commended in Christ's sight one day, we must continue (abide, tarry, remain) in the faith (the body of sound doctrine given by Paul to the church). The idea of “continuing” is to be \_\_\_\_\_, growing in our faith and not moved from the hope of the gospel.
2. What is the hope of the gospel? The hope of the gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ and His return for us. vs. 27; 1 Timothy 1:1; Titus 2:13

3. But, for those who are faithful (not sinless), and keep the faith, and live in anticipation of Christ's coming, they will stand approved and commended at the Judgment Seat of Christ and will receive eternal \_\_\_\_\_.

- *“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:7-8*

4. Our reconciliation to God is an accomplished \_\_\_\_\_, but **how** we will be presented before Christ one day is dependent on our faithfulness here on earth.