

# COLOSSIANS

A *life* WORTH LIVING

SERIES 1 – COMING BACK TO RIGHT THINKING  
Part 4 – What Is True About What Jesus Did For Us  
Colossians 1:19-23

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- I. GOD HAS A PLAN FOR THIS **UNIVERSE**. (Colossians 1:19-20)
- A. God will **restore** all that mankind has destroyed and place it all under the rule of Jesus Christ.
  - B. *Ephesians 1:9-10* “God has told us his secret reason for sending Christ, a plan he decided on in mercy long ago; <sup>10</sup> and this was his purpose: that when the time is ripe he will gather us all together from wherever we are--in heaven or on earth--to be with Him in Christ **forever**.” (TLB)
  - C. *Romans 8:19-21* “For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who His children really are. <sup>20</sup> Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, <sup>21</sup> the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from **death** and decay.” (NLT)
- II. WHAT WERE WE LIKE **BEFORE** WE ACCEPTED JESUS? (Colossians 1:21)
- A. *Colossians 1:21* “Once you were **alienated** from God and you were enemies in your mind because of your evil behavior.”
  - B. We were **separated** from Him, on the outside looking in and it was all because of our sin.
  - C. When it comes to the one true God of holiness and justice and absolute sovereignty over our lives, those without Christ are in **rebellion** against His reign in their hearts and we were no different.

- D. *Romans 8:7-8* “...the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does **not submit** to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those controlled by the sinful nature **cannot please God.**” (NIV)
- E. Wrong thinking sooner or later breeds wrong actions. The willful, conscious, intellectual antagonism of being "hostile in mind" ultimately **poisons** how we act.
- F. *Romans 3:10-12* “*As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."* (NIV)
- G. *Jeremiah 17:9* "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?" (NKJV).

### III. WHAT **CHANGE** HAS BECOMING A CHRIST FOLLOWER BROUGHT TO OUR LIFE? (Colossians 1:21-22)

- A. *Colossians 1:22* (NIV) “**But now** he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—“
- B. The word reconciliation means that a relationship which has been lost has been restored. That relationship God wanted to have with us was lost because of our sin but is now **restored** because of what Jesus did for us.
- C. *1 John 3:2-4* “Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.” (NLT)

### IV. AFTER WE ARE SAVED, WHAT'S NEXT? (Colossians 1:22-23)

- A. *Colossians 1:22-23* “Jesus has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— <sup>23</sup> **if indeed** you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard...” (NASB)
- B. Jesus desires to present you before His Father holy, blameless and beyond reproach. Another way of saying that is that Jesus wants you and I to live our Christian life totally dedicated to Him. We may not be perfect but we can live our lives with faith, devotion and **character** for Him.



