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The Power of Christ in Making Us Holy

Colossians 1:21-23

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1. God has reconciled His own. (Colossians 1:21-22a)

2. Why did God reconcile us? (Colossians 1:22b)

3. Faith is the condition for this amazing outcome. (Colossians 1:23)

Table Talk

- 1) What does it mean to be alienated from God? How does that find expression in culture? In politics? In the arts? What does it mean to be hostile in mind toward God? How does that find expression? Why should the Christian be compassionate toward those alienated and hostile? (v 21)
- 2) What does it mean to be reconciled? How did reconciliation happen? Why did God reconcile us? (v 22a)
- 3) What is the promised purpose of reconciliation with God? What differences, if any, are there among being "holy," "blameless," and "above reproach"? How does this purpose reveal that Christ is enough for us? What is the awesome and even frightening power behind the phrase "before him"? (22b)
- 4) What is the condition for reconciliation? If faith needs to be continued, stable and steadfast, does that mean that we can lose our salvation? How does one know that their faith is the right kind of faith? (v 23)
- 5) How is the object of our faith important? What is the hope of the Gospel? In what sense does Paul suggest that the Gospel is winning? In what sense is the task unfinished? What are you or your small group doing to advance the hope of the Gospel in all creation? (v 23)