

# Colossians 1:20-23 **Christ Is Able**

## 1. **Who Christ Is (Review) • Colossians 1:15-19**

- a. We have an inheritance, redemption, forgiveness - a position before God. How? By faith in Christ's blood. The gospel.
- b. Who is Christ to accomplish these things?
  - i. God in the flesh, firstborn from dead, image of God. (Col 1:15, 1 Tim 3:16)
  - ii. The maker and sustainer of all things. (Col 1:16-17)
  - iii. The head of the body, the **preeminent**. (Col 1:18, Phil 2:8-10)
  - iv. The one who pleases the Father, in Him all fulness dwells, in Him is how you have a standing. (Col 1:19)

## 2. **What Christ Accomplished For All • Colossians 1:20-22**

- a. The cross of Christ: a subject of prophecy (for many) and mystery (for all) (Mt 20:28, 1 Tim 2:6)
- b. Peace, Jew and Gentile reconciled in one **new man** by the cross (Eph 2:13-18, Rom 5:1-2)
- c. God's purpose for heaven and earth, the mystery of His will. By Him and for Him. (Col 1:16, Eph 1:10)
- d. Alienated: Christ died for the ungodly (enemies) not just Israel (friends). (Eph 2:1-2, 4:18, Rom 5:6-8, John 15:13)
- e. Through faith in His blood, by the work Christ has done you are now reconciled. (2 Cor 5:18)
- f. Purpose for redemption: to be presented holy, conformed to Christ's image, **in Christ**. (Eph 5:25-27, Rom 8:29, 1 Cor 6:11)
  - i. **Holy in Christ**: sanctified, set apart (1 Cor 3:17)
  - ii. **Blameless in Christ**: washed, forgiven (Eph 1:4-6)
  - iii. **Unreproveable in Christ**: justified, righteous (Rom 4:24-25, Rom 5:1, Rom 8:33)

## 3. **Our Reasonable Service • Colossians 1:23**

- a. A believer has a position in Christ. Service is to learn that position and walk worthy of your vocation now, here on this earth. (Eph 4:1, Rom 12:1-2)
- b. "If ye continue in the faith" → One cannot lose salvation nor their position, this is how to serve God, you must keep in memory what is true, renew your mind (1 Cor 4:1-2, 2 Cor 13:4-6, 1 Tim 1:3)
- c. "Be not moved away from the hope of the gospel" → We saw this already, the gospel is what supplies hope and brings forth fruit, our affection should be on things above (Col 1:5-6, Col 3:1)
- d. Reminder: Paul wants the Colossians to "walk worthy". We have a holy calling to attain to. (Col 1:10, Phil 3:9-14, 2 Tim 1:9)