

Holy, Blameless, and Above Reproach
Colossians 1:19-23

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I. Jesus is the fullness of God. Colossians 1:19

"The word _____ was "a recognized technical term in theology, denoting the totality of the Divine powers and attributes." (Lightfoot)

- **Colossians 2:9 For in Him (Christ) dwells all the fullness of the _____ bodily. NKJV**

II. To reconcile all things. Colossians 1:20

dictionary.com says the word **reconcile** means, "The process of making consistent or _____."

- There is **enmity**, because sin results in _____ and brokenness.

The Lord offers _____ that passes all human understanding.

1. Step one: we make _____ with our God and King.
2. We receive God's peace through _____ with Him.
3. We experience the peace of God by _____ on the right things. **Philippians 4:8-9**
4. We are to tell _____ where to find the Peace of God.

III. Jesus presents you perfect. Colossians 1:21-22

We are free from sin's _____ and guilt thanks to Jesus.

- "This faith overcomes the world, that is, it overcomes the enslaving power of the world to be our _____." (Piper)

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a _____; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. NKJV

IV. The hope of the Gospel. Colossians 1:23

Some people use this statement, "**if indeed you continue**" as a proof text that salvation is _____ upon our perseverance.

- Paul was saying, "If you are truly saved, and built on the solid foundation, Jesus Christ, then you will _____ in the faith and nothing will move you." (Wiersbe)

There are some false prophets as well as people who make false _____ of faith claiming to be Christians who are not.

- "**(Faith), Filled with gratitude will cause us to live your remaining days running full-_____ for God.**" (Beckwith)

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Colossians 1:19** and discuss point I. of the sermon note sheet.
Hebrews 1:3, Philippians 2:5-8, Genesis 1:26, John 1:1-14, John 17:21-23
2. Briefly describe a time when you had to reconcile with someone. (Wiersbe)
3. Read **Colossians 1:21—2:3**. How were the Colossians estranged from God? What did God do about this alienation? Why? What are the results of salvation? (Wiersbe)
Ephesians 2:13, Romans 5:10, Genesis 3:15
4. Discuss the four comments about peace listed in point II. of the sermon note sheet.
Philippians 4:6-9, John 14:27, John 16:33, Romans 5:1, Isaiah 26:3, Isaiah 52:7
5. Discuss point III. of the sermon note sheet how Jesus presents us perfect.
6. What does the word "**hope**" mean and how do we get Biblical "**hope**"?
Romans 5:5, Romans 15:4, Romans 15:13, Ephesians 1:18, Colossians 1:27
7. Read **Colossians 1:23**. What does the "Gospel" mean?
1 Corinthians 15:3-7