Holy and Blameless in His SIGHT ~ Colossians 1:21-23

→ Scripture Reading - Col 1:19-23

INTRODUCTION

Colossians 1:13–14 (NIV) For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us INTO the Kingdom of the Son He loves, ¹⁴ IN whom we have Redemption, the Forgiveness of sins.

ALL the Fulness of God IN Christ ~ Colossians 1:19-20

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have ALL His Fullness DWELL in Him, ²⁰ and through Him to Reconcile to Himself ALL things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making PEACE through His blood, shed on the cross.

1:15 Christ is the Visible image OF the Invisible God... (NLT)

Reconciliation is to cause God's Enemies -BY- Faith to become His Friends and His Family BKC

Romans 5:1 (NIV) ...we have been Justified through faith, we have <u>PEACE</u> with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV) He Himself Bore OUR SINS IN His BODY on the tree...

When He died on the cross, He met the Just Demands of the Law because He Paid the Penalty for OUR sins. Reconciliation was completed ON the cross. Wiersbe

IMPLICATION

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God Reconciles SINNERS...

God Restoring of NATURE...

Romans 3:23 (NIV) ALL have sinned and FALL short of the glory of God...

Romans 6:23 (NIV) For the wages of sin is DEATH...

Romans 6:23 (NIV) For the wages of sin is DEATH... **BUT** the GIFT of God is eternal life IN Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:1 (NIV) ...since we have been Justified through Faith, we have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Romans 8:1–2 (NIV) ...there is now NO Condemnation for those who are IN Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me FREE from the law of sin and death.

Alienated From God ~ Colossians 1:21-23

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² 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 - ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

By our NATURE we are Separated from God - By our DEEDS we are Alienated from God. The sinner is DEAD in trespasses and sins, and therefore is Unable to DO anything to save himself or to please God. Wiersbe

Romans 8:33 (NIV) Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

John 1:14 (NIV) The Word became <u>FLESH</u> and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, FULL of grace and truth.

- **1 Peter 2:24** (NIV) He Himself BORE OUR SINS in <u>His body</u> on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.
- **1 Timothy 2:5–6** (NIV) For there is one God and one Mediator BETWEEN God and men, the MAN Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself as a Ransom for ALL men...

TAKE AWAY??

²² Yet now He has reconciled you to Himself through the death of Christ in His physical body. As a result, He has brought you into His own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before Him without a single fault. (NLT)

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea A great High Priest, whose name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands My name is written on His heart I know that while in heaven He stands No tongue can bid me to depart No tongue can bid me to depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upward I look, and see Him there who made an end to all my sin

Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free For God the just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb My perfect, spotless righteousness The great unchangeable I am The King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ, my Savior and my God With Christ, my Savior and my God