

Colossians Series

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**COLOSSIANS:
Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**

Living for the Future

Colossians 1:21–23

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Eph. 2:12, “that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.”

Eph. 4:18, “having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;”

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ἀποκατάλλασσω apokatallassō

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to reconcile

Reconciliation is...

the work of God for man in which God undertakes to transform man's position of hostility to peace in order to make possible and actual eternal fellowship with a righteous and just God.

Reconciliation was accomplished forensically, in a legal sense, once and for all by Christ on the cross, reconciliation applies to each believer positionally only when a person has trusted in Jesus Christ as Savior.

2 Cor. 5:19, “that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”

God performs the action.

“The world” receives the action

“The world” = “their”

Therefore, sins are not imputed to the unbeliever and are not the issue at salvation.

Rom. 5:6, “For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.”

Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

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~~Position
in Adam~~

~~Spiritual
Death~~

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~~Character
of God~~

~~Penalty
of Sin~~

~~SIN~~

**Position
in Christ**

Regeneration

**Imputation
Justification**

**Propitiation
(Expiation)**

Redemption

**Unlimited
Atonement**

GOD

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Other key words are needed to determine the nuance.

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Eph. 1:4, “just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame (*amōmos*), before Him in love,”

Phil. 2:15, “that you may become blameless (*amōmos*), and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,”

1 Cor. 1:8, “who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless (*anenklētos*), in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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Rom. 14:10, “But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand [be presented] before the judgment seat of Christ.” (cf., 2 Cor. 4:14; Eph. 5:27)

παρίστημι (*paristēmi*),

fut mid indicate 1pl

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1 Th. 5:23, “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless (*amemptōs*) at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 24, “Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless (*amōmos*) before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,”

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perf passive ptcp., completed action;

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Eph. 3:16, “that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

Eph. 3:17, “that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,”

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1 Cor. 15:58, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

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Col. 1:4, “since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;

Col. 1:5, “because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,”

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