

Reconciliation: Accomplished and Applied

Colossians 1:21-23

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NOTICE: The emphasis of our discussion is to see how the Written Word (Bible) and the Spoken Word (Preaching) work together to build up the believer, so when you see WORD in the questions, know it refers to the Scripture and the Sermon.

Recap:

1. Does anyone have a testimony of how last week's WORD transformed the last 7 days?

Engage:

2. Read Colossians 1:21-23 and point out anything significant that stands out in the text.
3. Create one clear and concise statement to be the Take Home Truth of Sunday's WORD.

Reflect:

4. How does the WORD's description of the unreconciled world (see v. 21 and Romans 8:6-8) differ from the pervading voice of the culture that speaks of humanity's inherent goodness?
5. How does the WORD and 2 Corinthians 5:21 display the magnificent transformation that Christ can have on the human heart by reconciling us to God?

Respond:

6. One of the enemy's favorite tactics is to persuade believers that the bad news of verse 21 is still true. How does verse 22 help you counter his voice of shame, regret, and guilt?
7. In light of Paul's "if" in regard to our perseverance in the faith, what strategies and Scriptures do you use to help you remain "stable and steadfast"?
8. What areas of your life need to change this week in light of the WORD?

