COLOSSIANS

"So that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects...." **COLOSSIANS** 1:15-20 Paul explains how EXALTED Jesus is, so we understand how high that standard is: "Walking Worthy of the Lord"

COLOSSIANS 1:21-23

And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister."

THE TARGET FOR A CHRIST-WORTHY WALK: CHRIST!, (Colossians 1:15-19)

- His Person, 15
- His Work, 16
- His Rank, 17-18
- His Deity, 19.
- His Reconciliation, 20-23.

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The Accomplishment of His Reconciliation

- The Agent of His Reconciliation: "through Him"
- The Extent of His Reconciliation: "All things"
- The "Target" of His Reconciliation: "To Himself"
- The Result of His Reconciliation: "Peace"
- The Means of His Reconciliation: "through the blood of His cross"

The Application of His Reconciliation

In vv. 21-23, Paul gives us a "Before and After" portrait of ourselves!

BEFORE AND AFTER RECONCILIATION!!

The Application of His Reconciliation BEFORE...v. 21

- The Need for Reconciliation: We were <u>formerly</u>...
 - ✓ Alienated
 - ✓ Hostile in mind
 - Engaged in evil deeds

Many other passages support this!

The Application of His Reconciliation

The Contrast of the Reconciliation: "But now..."

- The Agent of the Reconciliation
 - ✓ Jesus!
 - ✓ The One Who took on a fleshly body!
- The Fact of the Reconciliation

- The Means of the Reconciliation
 - ✓ In the Body of His flesh✓ Through THE Death!

- The Goal of the Reconciliation:
 "in order to present you before Him"
 - ✓ Holy!
 - ✓ Blameless!
 - Beyond reproach!

Many other passages support this!

- The manifestation of the Reconciliation:
 - \checkmark Continuing in the faith
 - Firmly Established
 - ✓ Steadfast
 - Not moved away from the hope of the gospel!

- The gospel...
 - They had heard it!
 - ✓ It was proclaimed in all creation under heaven
 - Paul was made a minister of it!

RECONCILIATION!

Will be presented before Him... We who were... ✓ Alienated ✓ Holy! ✓ Hostile in mind
✓ Blameless! Engaged in evil deeds
Beyond reproach! PRAISE GOD FOR OUR WONDERFUL SALVATION!!!



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