

COLOSSIANS

“So that you will walk in a manner
worthy of the Lord,
to please Him in all respects....”

COLOSSIANS 1:24-27

Now I rejoice in my sufferings
for your sake,
and in my flesh I do my share
on behalf of His body,
which is the church,
in filling up what is lacking
in Christ's afflictions.

Of *this church* I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the *preaching of the word of God, that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations,*”

but has now been manifested
to His saints,
to whom God willed to make known
what is the riches of the glory
of this mystery among the Gentiles,
which is Christ in you,
the hope of glory.”

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.
 - ✓ The Accomplishment of His Reconciliation, 20.
 - ✓ The Application of His Reconciliation, 21-23.

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 formerly...
 - ✓ Alienated
 - ✓ Hostile in mind
 - ✓ Engaged in evil deeds

The Application of His Reconciliation

- The Contrast of the Reconciliation: “But now...”

The Application of His Reconciliation

AFTER...vv. 22-23

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

RECONCILIATION!

We who were...

- ✓ Alienated
- ✓ Hostile in mind
- ✓ Engaged in evil deeds

Will be presented
before Him...

- ✓ Holy!
- ✓ Blameless!
- ✓ Beyond reproach!

PRAISE GOD FOR OUR
WONDERFUL SALVATION!!!

In vv. 24 and 25,
Paul says he has been made a “minister”

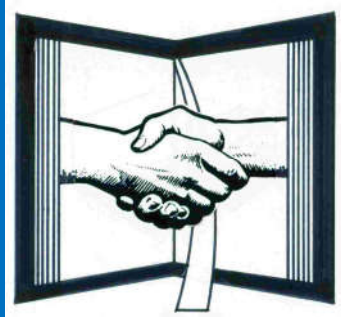
Διάκονος ↔ “diakonos”

Meaning: “Servant”

“Deacon”

We can all “serve”...“deak”

And we are all called to be “servants”



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