

**Peace with God**  
**Colossians 1:20-23**

1. Work of reconciliation – 20
  - Father (v. 19) did it through Christ
  - He reconciled all things to Himself
  - God did not change
  - “all things” were affected by sin – Rom 8:19-23
  - The curse must be removed
  - Provide for a New Heaven & a New Earth
  - Revelation 21 & 22
  - Reconciliation brings restoration
  - God’s creative purpose is fulfilled
2. Peace resulted by the blood of the cross
  - Blood sacrifice paid in full sin’s penalty
  - Perfect sacrifice – without spot & blemish
  - Christ as Lamb of God shed His blood
3. Need of reconciliation – 21
  - “You” – Colossians & all who have sinned
  - Those alienated from God – separated by sin
  - Gentiles were far removed from God – Eph. 2:11-13
  - Those who are hostile in mind – doing evil
  - Thoughts are hostile as well as deeds
  - It is the heart that needs reconciliation
4. Cost of our reconciliation to Christ - 22
  - He must become one with us – “His body of flesh”
  - Philippians 2:6-8
  - He must die in our place – “by His death”
  - Christ must pay in full the penalty of our sin
5. Results of reconciliation - 22
  - We are presented before God as holy
  - Blameless and above reproach before Him
  - The righteousness of Christ is imputed to us – 2 Cor. 5:21
  - Forgiveness & cleansing is ours in Christ’s blood
  - 1John 1:7
  - We are free from all charges against us
  - He has declared us to be without blame or reproof
  - No charges can be made against us – Rom. 8:33, 34
  - Regeneration gives us new life in our spirit
  - Ephesians 2:1, 4-5; 2 Corinthians 5:17
  - He gives us His Holy Spirit to indwell & transform us
  - John 14:16-17, 26; Galatians 5:22-25
  - God’s plan is to conform us to the image of Christ
  - Romans 8:28-29; 1John 3:2-3
6. Door to reconciliation – 23
  - Faith in Christ & His work of reconciliation
  - “if indeed you continue in the faith”
  - You truly (indeed) believe this “good news” (Gospel)
  - Genuine faith is stable, steadfast not shifting
  - You believe what God has said
  - The Gospel Paul is preaching to every creature

