

COLOSSIANS

Proclaiming the
Supremacy of Christ

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OUTLINE OF COLOSSIANS

1. Introduction and prayers (1:1-14)
2. The supremacy of Christ and Paul's work proclaiming Him (1:15-2:5)
3. Encouragement to hold firmly to Christ and a warning about false spirituality (2:6-23)
4. Instructions about new life in Christ and the renewed relationships it produces (3:1-4:6)
5. Closing greetings (4:7-18)

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And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Colossians 1:21–23

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RECONCILED AND CONTINUING ON

1. What they were before (v.21)

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He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

John 3:31-36

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RECONCILED AND CONTINUING ON

1. What they were before (v.21)
 - Hostile in mind: rejecting Jesus and His claims to be God's Son

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RECONCILED AND CONTINUING ON

1. What they were before (v.21)
2. Who they are now (v.22)

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This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:12–15

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RECONCILED AND CONTINUING ON

1. What they were before (v.21)
2. Who they are now (v.22)
 - Reconciled through Jesus' death
 - Free from accusation

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RECONCILED AND CONTINUING ON

1. What they were before (v.21)
2. Who they are now (v.22)
3. How they must continue (v.23)
 - They are already reconciled AND they have a responsibility to continue in their faith in Christ (cf. Matthew 13:1-23).

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