

# Colossians Series

## Lesson #22

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A landscape photograph showing a field of bare trees in the foreground, a dark hill in the middle ground, and a range of mountains in the background under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

# **COLOSSIANS:**

## **Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**

**Reconciliation:**  
**The Ambassador's Message**  
**Colossians 1:20–21;**  
**2 Corinthians 5:18–21**

**Col. 1:20, “and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.”**

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**ἀποκαταλλάσσω  
(*apokatallassō*),**

**aor act inf of purpose; “to reconcile completely”**

**only here and in Eph. 2:16**

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**Reconciliation was accomplished forensically, in a legal sense, once and for all by Christ on the cross, reconciliation applies to each believer positionally only when a person has trusted in Jesus Christ as Savior.**

- 1. The human race is in a legal state of hostility toward God because of Adam's sin.**
- 2. No fallen human being can change this state of hostility.**
- 3. The opposite of hostility is peace, harmony.**
- 4. There must be a change of status, the legal penalty must be paid.**
- 5. This payment is through death, the substitutionary spiritual death of Jesus on the cross.**



**Eph. 2:13, “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**

**Eph. 2:14, “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,”**

**Eph. 2:15, “having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,**

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**2 Cor. 5:18, “Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,”**

# The Grace Solution

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**Isa. 59:2, “But  
your iniquities  
have separated  
you from your  
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*His* face from  
you, so that He  
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Atonement**

**2 Cor. 5:14, “For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;**

**2 Cor. 5:15, “and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”**

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**Redemption**

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**1 Tim. 2:6, “who gave Himself as a ransom” [ ἀντίλυτρον (*antilytron*), ransom, ransom price;] “for all, the testimony borne at the proper time.”**

**2 Pet. 2:1, “But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought” [ ἀγοράζω (*agorazō*), buy;] “them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.”**

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**Rom. 3:25, “whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;”**

**Heb. 2:17, “Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”**

**1 John 2:2, “and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.”**

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**Rom. 4:3, “For what does the Scripture say?  
‘Abraham *believed God, and it was accounted to him  
for righteousness.*’ ”**

**Gal. 3:6, “just as Abraham ‘*believed God, and it was  
accounted to him for righteousness.*’ ”**



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**Titus 3:5, “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,”**

**Col. 2:13, “And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,”**

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**2 Cor. 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone *is in Christ*, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”**

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**to reconcile**

**2 Cor. 5:19, “that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”**

**God performs the action.**

**“The world” receives the action**

**“The world” = “their”**

**Therefore, sins are not imputed to the unbeliever and are not the issue at salvation.**



**Rom. 5:6, “For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.”**

**Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

**Rom. 5:10, “For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.**

**Rom. 5:11, “And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.”**

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