

Introduction

Jesus reconciled the Colossian [Gentiles] who were once His alienated enemies (1:21)

Who are *you*? Who are *we*?

Is Colossians like Ephesians in this regard, or different?

[Jesus reconciled the Colossian Gentiles] so He may present them [to Himself] holy, blameless, and above reproach [after the *Bēma*] (1:22)

All of the original readers were believers

Is holiness, blamelessness, and unreproachability in human experience attainable? Or must this be positional?

Holy: Mark 6:20; 1 Pet 3:5

Blameless: Rev 14:5

Above reproach: 1 Tim 3:10; Titus 1:6-7

[Jesus will present those believers] who steadfastly continue in the faith [blameless] (1:23)

Paul rejoices in his sufferings for the Colossians and completes what is lacking in [Paul's] afflictions for Christ on behalf of His body, the Church (1:24)

[Paul rejoices at completing what is lacking in his afflictions for Christ for the Church] because his service is a God-given stewardship that fulfills God's word] (1:25)

[The way Paul's ministry is a stewardship fulfilling God's word is by making known] the previously undisclosed mystery (1:26)

The mystery is that Christ is in you Gentiles [not just in Jews] that gives them expectation of glorification [with Christ] (1:27)

Paul preaches Christ, warning and teaching everyone, so he may present everyone mature in Christ (1:28)

Paul labors to present every man mature (1:29)

Conclusion