Scripture: Ex. 20 & Colossians 1 Text: Col. 1:21-22 (1)
Singing: 378:1-3 – 170:1 – 297:1-3 – 388:3, 4 – 417:1, 3 – 81:1-4

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST'S LIFE AND DEATH (1)
I. Redeems us from the demand of God's holy justice
II. Covers us to be presentable before God's glory

I. IT REDEEMS GOD'S CHILDREN FROM THE DEMANDS OF GOD'S JUSTICE

A. Like the Colossian's saints, so were all God's saints: *enemies of God*
1. We are born 'alienated and enemies in our minds' (vs. 21; Eph. 2:1-3)
a. alienated:

b. enemies in mind:

2. Yet while in that condition, God brough them to salvation (1:6)
a. yet 'being made willing' does not remove a shred of our guilt

B. Christ's death is the only ground and means of reconciliation: 20-22
1. Where all human resources and wisdom failed, God provided: 1 Cor. 1:30

2. Through His death on the cross, peace (20) & reconciliation (21) was made

C. Christ's death has its deepest roots in the bosom of the Father (Owen)
1. It pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell (v. 19)
a. Rom. 8:32; 2 Cor. 5:21; John 3:16

2. How unfathomable & immeasurable is love of God the Father!

Reflection: Jesus calls us to remember His Father's and His love!

In quietness and confidence oh, Savior, my strength shall be
And take me, for I dare not come, is still my cry to Thee.
In Thy strong hand I lay me down, so shall the work be done
For Who can work so wondrously as Thou the Almighty One!
Work on, Lord, till on my soul eternal light shall break. (O. Winslow)