

I. Who You Once Were: Alienated Enemies of God (1:21; 2:13; Eph 4:18; Matt 22:37)

II. Who You Are Now: Reconciled to God (1:22)

A. Reconciled by Christ's Death (1:22, 19-20; Phil 2:5-8; Rom 5:10)

B. Reconciled to Stand in God's Presence (1:22; 2:13-14; Eph 5:25-27)

III. How You Must Continue: The Need to Persevere (1:23; Phil 1:6; Matt 7:24-25)

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. How does this passage connect to the previous verses, 15-20?
2. What does Paul teach about the state of an unbeliever here? Why is reconciliation necessary?
3. Why is it important for a believer to remember who you once were?
4. How does Christ reconcile us to God?
5. Why is perseverance necessary?
6. How will you persevere in the faith?