

COLOSSIANS

Mature in Christ

Now Reconciled

Colossians 1:21-23

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in heaven you are Holy, Righteous and Good. You look on us and have mercy. You lavish your grace on us even this morning as you hear our prayers and receive our worship. Father we confess our hostility, our enmity our animus toward you & your truth. We were all alienated, strangers even enemies of your truth and lived out this warring life by our evil deeds. And yet in your extravagant grace you reconciled us through faith in the death of Christ! You call us to live our lives in this glorious promise of one day standing in your presence holy, blameless and above reproach. O LORD, give us hearts that long for that day. Grant your Spirit to stir our affections with anticipation for that glorious day. And cause this hope to stabilize us in the sufficiency of Christ. May this hope ground and root us that we might not shift or waver from the sure and confident hope we have in Christ Jesus our Redeemer and LORD. We ask these things in His preeminent name. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. The Need for Reconciliation (v. 21)
2. The Way of Reconciliation (v. 22a)
3. The Aim of Reconciliation (v. 22b)
4. The Appeal of Reconciliation (v. 23)

Central Textual Truth

Paul stabilizes this congregation by confirming their present reconciliation in Christ.

Central Sermon Aim

I want to stabilize SGBC by confirming their present reconciliation in Christ.