



Sermon Guide: In Christ, you have it all, so don't move at all - 03/01/26

Text(s): Colossians 1:21-23

Big Idea: *Christ has secured it all, so don't shift from that hope at all.*

Summary of the Sermon - In Colossians 1:21–23, Paul reminds us that we were once alienated from God, hostile in mind and unable to stand before His holiness, but through the real, costly work of Christ we have been reconciled and will be presented holy, blameless, and above reproach. Because Christ has secured our standing before the Father, we do not need to shift our hope elsewhere. Real reconciliation produces real perseverance. Christ not only reconciles us, He sustains us to the end.

Discussion Questions

1. Why does Paul begin by reminding believers that they were once alienated and hostile toward God? What does that reveal about the human heart?
2. When you hear that we were “alienated and hostile” toward God before Christ, does that feel surprising or uncomfortable? Why?
3. What does it mean that Jesus didn't just make you “better,” but actually reconciled you and made you holy in God's sight?
4. Why is the word “has” in “He has now reconciled” so significant for assurance?
5. When you filled in the sentence, “God looks at me and thinks I am _____,” what did your instinctive word reveal about your understanding of the gospel?
6. Where are you most tempted to shift your hope away from Christ (performance, comfort, approval, success, control, etc.)?
7. How does remembering what you were saved *from* deepen your gratitude for what you were saved *to*?
8. What does it look like practically to be “stable and steadfast” in the hope of the gospel?
9. How does knowing that Christ not only reconciles you but also sustains you change the way you approach doubt, struggle, or failure?