Colossians 1:19-23

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Jesus, as God Himself, was able to <u>FULLY RESTORE</u> mankind's broken relationship with their Creator through His sacrificial <u>DEATH</u>.

What does it mean for you that you are in a reconciled relationship with your Creator?

We were in every way at odds with our $\underline{\mathsf{CREATOR}}$, yet Jesus' death brought us $\underline{\mathsf{NEAR}}$ to Him by making us $\underline{\mathsf{PERFECTLY}}$ $\underline{\mathsf{INNOCENT}}$.

Are you better at seeing yourself as who you were or what Jesus has now made you?

This is only effective to those who, by genuine faith, have been truly <u>TRANSFORMED</u> by the GOSPEL of Jesus.

Have you embraced your fixed place given to you by God in His people of faith, or are you letting an insecurity based on your worthiness to rob you of the joy of our shared hope?

We had so messed up our relationship with our Creator that it took a man who was fully God to address to problem. We had distanced ourselves from God, pushed Him away, and rejected His ways of thinking and living for our own evil ways.

But now, for those who are truly His, that is now in the past for us. We are His people, a holy people, in a state of perpetual innocence, where no charges now or in the future will ever stick. Best of all, we get to experience a repaired relationship with Him in which nothing will ever taint or distance us from Him ever again.