

# Saint Paul's Baptist Church

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Weekday Study Notes

## W E L C O M E T O S A I N T P A U L ' S

Saint Paul's Baptist Church exists to empower people to grow into all that God created them to be. We do that by finding needs and meeting them, finding problems, and solving them, finding hurts and healing them.

## G E T C O N N E C T E D

God created us for community. To volunteer, participate in a small group, or for more information about upcoming events, visit [myspbc.org](http://myspbc.org) or download our free mobile app today at [myspbc.info/app](http://myspbc.info/app).

## N E E D P R A Y E R ?

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us during or after worship services for personal prayer at [myspbc.info/prayerroom](http://myspbc.info/prayerroom). You may also submit a prayer request anytime at [myspbc.info/prayer](http://myspbc.info/prayer).

## JESUS IS GREATER: A STUDY IN COLOSSIANS

*Today's Lesson: The Supreme Reconciliation of Christ*

*Colossians 1:19-23: New International Version*

<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. <sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Having introduced us in succession to the supremacy of Christ in creation (vv. 15-17), and in the Church (v. 18), Paul now focuses on the reconciliation God made possible in Christ (vv. 19-23).

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### 1. GOD'S RECONCILING \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 19, 20a)

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ to dwell in Christ
- b. To \_\_\_\_\_ all things in Christ

(Romans 3:9-18, Genesis 3:17-18, Romans 8:19-22, Ephesians 2:16, Romans 5:10-11, Romans 11:15, 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

### 2. GOD'S RECONCILING \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 20b, 22a)

- a. God's strategy is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

(2 Corinthians 5:19-21, Romans 8:32)

### 3. GOD'S RECONCILING \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 21, 22)

- a. God's Purpose \_\_\_\_\_ Humanity
- b. God's Purpose Makes Us \_\_\_\_\_
- c. God's Purpose Makes Us \_\_\_\_\_

(Romans 8:17, Philippians 2:13)

### 4. GOD'S RECONCILING \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23)

(Hebrews 12:2)



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### Discussion Guide:

**Icebreaker:** Have you ever been in an earthquake or another natural disaster? How did you feel?

### Discussion Questions:

1. What does "fullness" mean and how does it apply to you? How do you feel that you were once His enemy but now Christ can call you His friend? How do you have newness of life in God?
2. How do you feel that anyone who is far away from God now has the opportunity to know God? What if someone you hated became a Christian? How would you/should you respond?
3. What do we have to do for this work of grace to happen? If grace is free to us who do not deserve it, why do we have to do something to receive His work?
4. What took place in your life for you to believe Who and what Christ did for you? Why do most Christians not like the fact that we have a "condition" attached to His grace?
5. How is Christ your all in all and above it all, above your fears, hurts, expectations, and circumstances? How can He be more so?
6. How can your faith stimulate, endure, and carry you through all things in life? How can you better anchor yourself to God and take your eyes off your circumstances so you can see more hope and joy?
7. How is hope an anchor to help you focus on Christ, and thus help you endure what the world throws at you? How can it better?

**CHALLENGE:** What is one "a-ha" moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week's message, how would the next week be different for you?

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**SERVE:** How is God calling us to live out this lesson this week? As individuals? As a group?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at [myspbc.org](https://myspbc.org). You can also connect with us on social media at [facebook.com/myspbc](https://facebook.com/myspbc), [instagram.com/myspbc](https://instagram.com/myspbc) and [twitter.com/MySPBC\\_online](https://twitter.com/MySPBC_online). Turn on your notifications.

**CELEBRATIONS:** Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER:** Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.