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Colossians has brought deep and insightful truths to our church in these last days concerning the fulness of Jesus Christ and our completeness in Him (v. 19, 2:9-10). We can know God's will for our lives through Jesus, our status and standing with God through Jesus, and the preeminence of Jesus Christ in our salvation, in all of creation, and in our church He purchased with His blood. Today we will see our Savior's work of reconciliation. To reconcile means to bring something back into agreement or order. Reconciliation is a mathematical term for order. Reconciliation is also a term having to do with relationships that are _____ needing restored. Today we will see that through the cross of Jesus Christ reconciliation with Him was brought to the universe He created and to each person who individually trusts in Him (v. 20-21).

THE RECONCILING OF JESUS CHRIST – Colossians 1:19-23

1. Reconciling All Things in Heaven and Earth to Himself – v. 19-20

- When God came down in the image of Jesus Christ, His humble sacrifice was the only way to satisfy the _____ sin problem and bring total peace – v. 19; Gen. 1:2-5, 3:1-5; 2 Cor. 8:9.
- At the cross, Jesus Christ set the stage for the _____ of all things as they were before sin entered the picture – v. 20; Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 8:19-25; Eph. 1:10-12.; Php. 2:9-11; Rev. 21-22.

2. Reconciling All Those Who Hope in the Gospel to Himself – v. 21-23

- A _____ reconciling transaction takes place with God through faith and trust in the body (*and blood*) of His death – v. 21-22a; Rom. 5:11; 1 Jn. 2:1-2; Eph. 1:4-6, 13; 2:1-3; Jn. 6:38-39.

Alienated and enemies (Jn. 1:9, 3:19; Eph. 2:12-18) =

Vs.

_____, Unblameable, Unreproveable (Rom. 5:1, 8:31-39; 1 Thess. 5:23; 1 Pet. 1:15-16) =

- There is a personal reconciliation and _____ of each Christian in Heaven for the things done in the body after being reconciled to God through Jesus – v. 22b-23; 2 Cor. 5:9-10, 17-21; 13:5.

_____ and Settled in the Faith (Rom. 1:16, 7:15-24, 8:13; 1 Cor. 15:31) =

Vs.

_____ Away from the Hope of the Gospel (1 Cor. 9:16, 27; Gal. 3:1; 2 Tim. 4:10) =