

A Study Guide to Colossians 1:18-23 (Session 4)

First Baptist Peddie Church

1. Pray for wisdom and understanding that come from the Holy Spirit.

2. Read Colossians 1:18-23 aloud slowly several times.

3. Observe

1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
3. List the statements from this passage about who Christ is (His Being) and what Christ has done (His acts).
4. Note the words “all” and “every” (9 times in 1:15-23) and what they point to.

4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube

5. Interpret / Live out the Word

1. What did it cost God to reconcile us to Himself? What does it reveal about the character of God?
2. In other religions, such as Islam, are they concerned about reconciliation with God? In Islam, what must they do to enter heaven?
3. Why is Jesus Christ *the only way* to be reconciled to God?
4. What is the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation? Is it possible to forgive (or be forgiven) and not be reconciled?
5. In light of Christ’s reconciling work, how would you live differently in your relationships with others?
6. Based on the Christ Hymn (1:15-20), how would you summarize the Gospel in a few sentences or less?
7. This passage ends with a conditional statement: “if you continue in your faith ...” (1:23a). What are some ways to help you continue in your faith and not move away from the hope?

6. Memorize (use your preferred translation)

(Colossians 1:22 NIV)

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