

How God can turn His Enemies into His Friends

Colossians 1:19-23

Introduction:

The main verbs are **pleased** in 19,
Reconciled in 20, and
Continued and **Heard** in 23.

God is pleased to reconcile those who were His enemies who now demonstrate He has reconciled them by continuing in the apostolic gospel they have heard

#1 – The _____ who makes Reconciliation possible, 19

Matthew 3:17 *This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.*

1 Timothy 1:11 *according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God!*

John 15:11 *These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full*

John 17:13 *these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy made full in themselves.*

John 17:26 *I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou didst love Me may be in them, and I in them.*

#2 – The _____ of Reconciliation All things and His People, 20-21

God's plan of reconciliation...

1st – Ultimately includes the entire _____

Romans 8:20 *creation was subjected to futility, 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.*

Isaiah 11:6-9 *And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the kid, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them. 7 Also the cow and the bear will graze; Their young will lie down together; And the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy ...*

Romans 8:21 *the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption*

2 Peter 3:13 *according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.*

Colossians 1:20 *and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, ... whether things on earth or things in heaven.*

Is the false heretical doctrine called universalism true?

1-It contradicts the rest of scripture

Matthew 25:41. *Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life*

Revelation 20:15 *if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

2.The context

God's plan of reconciliation...

2nd – Specifically focuses on God's _____

1-Alienated

Ephesians 2:12 *you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded ...and strangers ...having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

2-Hostile in mind

3-Engaged in evil deeds

John 3:19 *loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.*

#3 – The _____ of Reconciliation; through a Person,
20b & 22a

1st – Christ's reconciliation was _____

Romans 6:10 *For the death that He died, He died to sin, once for all*

1 Peter 3:18 *For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;*

2 Corinthians 5:21 *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

2nd – Christ's reconciliation was _____

1 Peter 2:24 *He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.*

Romans 8:3 *God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,*

#4 – The _____ of Reconciliation; to Present, 22b

Holy –
Blameless –
Above reproach –

#5 – The _____ of Reconciliation; Perseverance, if you continue..., 23

1st – _____ to Depend on Christ with Conviction

Matthew 7:22-23 *Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'*

1 John 2:19 *They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us.*

2nd – Faithful to the Apostolic _____ of the Gospel

Conclusion:

1st – Take the only _____ to Friendship with God

2nd – Reconciliation is a message we must _____

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 *Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

20 *Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God*

3rd – Perseverance is a truth we must _____

#1-Disobedient awaiting Gods _____

Hebrews 12:8 *if you are without discipline... then you are illegitimate children and not sons.*

#2-Deceived awaiting God's _____

1 Corinthians 6:9 *the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? **Do not be deceived;** neither fornicators, ...nor adulterers, ... nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*

4th – Enjoying the Lord is our greatest _____

#1-Make time for...

#2-Fill your mind with...

#3-Make a regular commitment to...

#4-Journal what God is ...

#5-Commit to a ministry ...

#6-Make a habit of starting every day ...

#7-Seek to work your way up to a day of ...