



Week 3: Holding onto Hope

Sunday, November 6th, 2022

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† Jesus is God, and God is like Jesus. Okay, so what?

† Who we were  
*Colossians 1:21*

† Who we are  
*Colossians 1:22a*

† What we are becoming  
*Colossians 1:22b, Hebrews 10:11-14*

† A significant *if...*  
*Colossians 1:23a*

† Established and firm

† Holding to hope

† The gospel we heard

### *Questions for reflection and discussion*

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- Consider verse 21. Why is it important to remember this was written to the Colossians before it came to us? What is the potential problem of ‘over-interpreting’ this statement, of taking it out of context? Hint- would you say every unbeliever you know is in active rebellion against God and characterized by evil behavior? On the other hand, what is the danger of watering down this truth? What is the essence Paul is getting at here, and why is it so important?
- What does it mean that in Christ we have been reconciled to God? What is now true of us In Christ that wasn’t true of us before we believed? Is there more than ‘just’ being forgiven?
- Discuss and describe what it means that God desires us to be ‘holy, without blemish, and free from accusation?’ In what ways is this true of you now? Do you believe this can become increasingly true in your life experience?
- What does Paul say is the answer to how we mature into the description of verse 22? What does this look like? How does the gospel bring hope?
- What is the essence of the ‘gospel we have heard?’ What are versions of the gospel we may have heard that are distortions of the true Gospel?

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*Next week: Colossians part 2, week 4- The Fullness of God’s Word; Colossians 1:24-27*

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