



## MAKING FRIENDS

19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fulness to dwell in Him, 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. 21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, 22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach — 23 if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

Colossians 1:19-23

The Colossians were being told that JESUS ALONE was INSUFFICIENT to make them right with God. Paul wrote because SALVATION was at stake!

### When We Talk About Salvation WORD PICTURES OF SOTERIOLOGY

#### Justification

A sinner stands GUILTY before God - and is declared RIGHTEOUS

#### Redemption

A sinner stands as a SLAVE - but is purchased back and FREED

#### Forgiveness

A sinner appears as great DEBTOR - but the debt is PAID

#### Adoption

A sinner stands as a STRANGER - and is made a SON

#### Reconciliation

A sinner stands as an ENEMY - and is made a FRIEND

Gk:katalasso - to exchange (money), so to change in terms of relationship

(ex: Matt 5:24; Acts 7:26; Rom 5:10; 1 Cor 7:11; 2 Cor 5:18-20; Eph 2:16)

Gk:apokatalasso - 'apo' is a preposition that does two things:

1)intensifies; 2)gives the force of *back* (hinting at a RESTORATION)

### The Purpose of Reconciliation

...through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace...

we were ALIENATED from God <sup>v21</sup>

we were HOSTILE in our thinking

we were engaged in EVIL deeds

#### The reconciliation means that:

- 1) God is reconciled because His justice was **SATISFIED** at the cross
- 2) Man is reconciled because His enmity toward God is changed to FRIENDSHIP

The reconciliation will affect EVERYTHING!

#### The Plan of Reconciliation

...having made peace through the blood of His cross...

blood is a symbol of LIFE - blood spilled is a sign of DEATH

blood is a metaphor for SACRIFICE

blood is a reminder of the violence of SIN

#### The Point of Reconciliation

...in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach -

*holy* - has to do with our standing with **GOD**

*blameless* - has to do with our relationship with OURSELVES

*beyond reproach* - indicates our place in the eyes of **ACCUSERS**

#### The Proof of Reconciliation

...if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard...

Evidence #1 - **CONTINUE** in the faith

Evidence #2 - ESTABLISHED (GROUNDING)

Evidence #3 - **STEADFAST** (not moved from the hope of the gospel)