

Reconciled Back to Himself

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

Have you ever been wrenched free from the power of sin or are you still held in it? Listen carefully. If you have been wrenched from the power of sin and the control of the god of this world, who is Satan, you will find that something incredible happens. In Christ Jesus, you are literally translated into the kingdom of His dear Son; you are put into Christ. It is a miracle! Once you have had that miracle in your life, you cannot imagine what life was like without being in Him. In the **Book of Colossians chapter 1**, we read -

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son. The Amplified says: [The Father] has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and dominion of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

14 In Whom we have redemption through His blood, [which means] the forgiveness of our sins.

Yesterday evening, I was with a little Russian family. The little boy loves the Lord Jesus and he is just at the stage where he writes little things about how he loves the Lord Jesus. He had written that the Lord Jesus loved him, because he loved Jesus. I said, "My dear,

dear friend, that is the wrong way around! It is Jesus Who loves us!" He loves you, dear friend, even when you don't feel you love Him and you don't know Him. He loves you and He wants to wrench you free! He wants to set you into Christ. When I explained it to this little boy, he seemed so relieved to think it was not him working at it; he doesn't have to try to feel love for God, because it all started with the Lord loving him.

Whereas sin caused me to fall away from God, and caused you to fall away from God, and causes every person on planet earth to fall away from God, God lovingly planned to bring us. . . **back to Himself. (Verse 20).** I love that phrase - **back to Himself** - by sending His only Son, Jesus, . . . **to reconcile all things unto himself. . .** By His death on the Cross, He completely removed all enmity that hinders unity and peace with God. He takes care of all that! This reconciliation of His divine good pleasure was His determined desire for our life, that He might permanently indwell us with the fullness of His Holy Spirit. It is so amazing to me. He wants to fill our lives with that fulness. Now we are in Christ, so that that fulness effects other lives, that they, too, can meet Christ and know that fulness. So the work of the Lord is done from person to person. That is what the body of Jesus Christ is all about, with Christ being the head. Eternal life and peace with God can only be imparted. Only. This cannot be attained by doing anything; it can

only come by the expiation made in the giving up of the life of our sinless Saviour, Jesus.

Back in **Colossians 1:20** in the Amplified, we read -

20 And God purposed that through (by the service, the intervention of) Him [the Son] all things should be completely reconciled back to Himself, whether on earth or in heaven, as through Him, [the Father] made peace by means of the blood of His cross. . . . peace by . . . His cross means . . . peace (through) the blood of His cross. Jesus willingly gave up His life. You remember He called forth from the Cross, **It is finished.** It is accomplished; it is done! **No man taketh my life from Me, I lay it down,** He said. As . . . **the life of the flesh is in the blood. . .**, according to **Leviticus 17:11**, He gave up of His very life. As He did so, He took care of your sin and my sin. Therefore, we can read in **verses 21 and 22 of Colossians 1 —**

21 And although you - and I, that is - at one time were estranged and alienated from Him and were of hostile attitude of mind in your wicked activities,

22 Yet, now has [Christ, the Messiah] reconciled [you to God] in the body of His flesh through death, in order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His [the Father's] presence.

That word *faultless* or without blemish, is thinking in terms of the sacrificial Lamb of God, Jesus. When they brought an offering in the

Old Testament, it spoke of Jesus, for He was the Lamb of God. ***Irreproachable*** literally means unimpeachable, which means not having the possibility of a charge being made against us.

Don't you see? You do not have to go on with that guilt and all that distress. When Jesus comes in to your life, it is new: He cleanses; He forgives. As for every born-again believer, one day we are going to stand at the Judgement Seat of Christ. We are only going to be able to stand there because of His holiness. Jesus separated us from sin and freed us from all defilement. As a result, we can come before Him.

Will you come before Him and say, *Be my Lord and life just now, Lord Jesus?*

Amen.