

With the Master and Nothing Else!—Lesson 6—Colossians 1:20-23—From Rotten to Reconciled!

1. (a) Read Colossians chapter one and list all words or phrases that are repeated. (b) What significance do these have?

2. Memorize Colossians 1:21.

3. (a) How is one reconciled to God according to Romans 5:10, 11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 and Ephesians 2:14-17? (b) Why is it necessary that one be reconciled? (c) How would you explain reconciliation to a non-believer?

4. (a) According to the following passages, in what ways was the apostle Paul once alienated from God and an enemy of God? Acts 9:1-18; 22:1-21; 26:1-23. (b) What were the events that took place when Paul was reconciled to God?

5. (a) What does John say about those who have not continued in the faith, in 1 John 2:19? (b) Were they ever in the faith? (c) With these things in mind, read Jesus' parable in Matthew 13:1-23. (d) Which of these were truly saved? How do you know? (e) What does this teach you about the perseverance of the saints? (f) What other verses come to mind when you think of what scripture says about true believers persevering in the faith?

6. (a) Why did Jesus have to die? (b) Why was it necessary that a body be offered as well as a blood sacrifice? See Hebrews 10 to help you with these answers.

7. (a) Have you been reconciled to God? (b) If so, what changes have you seen in your life, especially this past year? (c) Have you thanked the Lord lately that you are reconciled to Him?

8. (a) What does it mean to you to "continue in the faith?" (b) How does a believer's life manifest being "grounded and steadfast"? (c) In what ways would you like to be more steadfast in your faith?

9. Write a prayer of thanks for your reconciliation to God!