

**GUARDRAILS**  
**The Great Reconciliation**  
**Colossians 1:21-23**  
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**Key Verses of the Day**

*Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. Colossians 1:21-23 NIV*

**Grab This!**

There is no greater transfer of circumstances that can take place in a person's life than to be \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

**Key Thought of the Day**

The \_\_\_\_\_ found in Christ brings us into a reconciled relationship with God.

1. Your Life \_\_\_\_\_ Knowing Christ.

*Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. Colossians 1:21 NIV*

- Before Christ you had \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with God.  
*... you were alienated from God...*
- Before Christ you were \_\_\_\_\_ toward God.  
*... and were enemies in your minds...*
- Before Christ you lived in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*... because of your evil behavior.*

2. Your Life \_\_\_\_\_ Knowing Christ.

*But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation... Colossians 1:22 NIV*

## **Grab This!**

Life After Knowing Christ Brings \_\_\_\_\_.

*... now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death...*

*What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?*

*Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:31-34 NIV*

## **Justification**

The action instituted by Christ of being made legally righteous with God.

## **Sanctification**

The action directed by the Holy Spirit of being made holy.

3. Your Life \_\_\_\_\_ You Know Christ.

*... if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. Colossians 1:23 NIV*

## **Don't Miss This!**

The primary blessing of the gospel is the hope that it brings for our \_\_\_\_\_, but while we are in the \_\_\_\_\_ we must live out the gospel in faith.

## **The Bottom Line**

The Great Reconciliation is only found in the righteousness that Jesus has secured for us, so \_\_\_\_\_ from that hope!