

# JESUS FIRST

## #4 Reconciled to God!

Colossians 1:20-23

THE WORK OF CHRIST:  
TURNING ENEMIES INTO FRIENDS!

**Colossians 1:19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. <sup>21</sup>And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

### THE MULTI-FACETED WORK OF SALVATION

**Regeneration:** the sinner stands before God spiritually dead, but is infused with the very **LIFE** of God – *Ephesians 2:5*

**Justification:** the sinner stands before God as the accused, but is declared **RIGHTEOUS** – *Romans 5:1*

**Forgiveness:** the sinner stands before God as a debtor, but the debt is completely **PAID OFF** and forgotten – *Ephesians 1:7*

**Adoption:** the sinner stands before God as a stranger, but is made a **SON** – *Ephesians 1:5*

**Redemption:** the sinner stands before God as a slave, but is granted **FREEDOM** by the payment of a ransom – *Colossians 1:14*

**Reconciliation:** the sinner stands before God as an enemy, but is declared to be a **FRIEND** – *Romans 5:10*

### PREEMINENCE PRINCIPLE #4:

Putting Jesus First begins with being reconciled to Him through faith

### CHRIST'S WORK OF RECONCILIATION

#### 1. THE PLAN OF RECONCILIATION

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#### 2. THE MEDIATOR OF RECONCILIATION

“making peace by the blood of His cross”

“He has now reconciled in his body of death by his flesh”

**1 Timothy 2:5** For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

#### 3. THE PURPOSE OF RECONCILIATION

**Colossians 1:22** ... in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him...

**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

#### 4. THE EVIDENCE OF RECONCILIATION

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### FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What things can you think of that Jesus did which show he is God?
2. What types of things do you see in this world that have been contaminated by sin?
3. What can cause us to lose sight of the importance of Jesus and the Gospel in our lives?

### BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Isaiah 15    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Isaiah 19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Isaiah 16    | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Isaiah 20   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Isaiah 17   | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Isaiah 21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Isaiah 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Isaiah 22   |

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