

SOLUTION: RECONCILIATION

COLOSSIANS 1:19-23

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: God is holy, good, and righteous. In His presence there can be no sin or sinner. God loves people but we all inherited a sin nature from Adam. Therefore, we as we are cannot have a relationship with Him or come into His presence. This is God's solution:

SEND SOMEONE. God is spirit. Man is of the earth and without God's Spirit. To demonstrate His passion for people and His desire to have a relationship with us, it pleased God to send His Son, who is fully God. (**Colossians 1:19, fn 1:19, 20, John 1:16-18, fn 1:18, John 3:13-16, fn 3:16[2nd], John 3:31-36, fn 3:31-35, Hebrews 10:5-10, fn 10:5-10[1st], I Peter 1:18-21, fn 1:20**) *When did you first meet Jesus and understand His love for you? Do you have God's Spirit in you?*

MAKE IT POSSIBLE. To satisfy God's justice because of His requirement that all mankind's sin be paid for by blood (death), Jesus willingly agreed to pay the price to reconcile man to God, thus making a relationship between God and man possible. Man's part in reconciliation is to trust by faith the promise of God that his sins were atoned for by the death of Jesus on the cross. By Christ's blood your sins were paid for and exchanged for His righteousness. (**Colossians 1:20, 21, fn 1:20, fn 1:21, Romans 5:6-11, fn 5:8, fn 5:11, II Corinthians 5:17-21, fn 5:21, Hebrews 9:22, fn 9:22, Romans 6:6, 7, fn 6:6**) *What is your only way to be acceptable to God?*

MAKE SINNERS SAINTS. At conversion God forgives your sin. In His sight you are no longer His enemy but His friend—holy and righteous. When you accept Jesus' death on your behalf, all barriers between you and God are removed. He seals your relationship with Him by putting His Holy Spirit in you. Now His life is your life—God's solution for reconciliation! (**Colossians 1:21, 22, fn 1:21, fn 1:21, 22, Ephesians 1:4, fn 1:4, Ephesians 3:12, fn 3:12, Hebrews 10:14, fn 10:14**) *In God's sight, what are you like?*

According to this preparation how may we pray for you to be strengthened in your personal relationship with Jesus? How else may we pray for you?

