

# Reconcile All Things to Himself

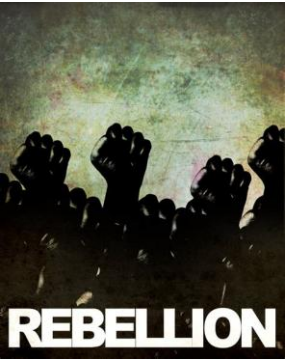
Colossians  
1:20-23

# God Reconciles with Us

- God wants to **make peace** with us (Rom. 5:1) even though we are the ones that go against Him (Phil. 2:21).
- For this **reconciliation** and peace it requires the ultimate sacrifice.
- It is God's desire to reconcile with us (Eph. 1:10; 2 Cor. 5:18). And this has since become our mission.



# We Were the Enemies of God



- But **why** do we need such peace to begin with?
- (Titus 3:3-7) Titus gave a detailed description of our **rebellion** against God in verse 3.
- (Eph. 2:1-3) We not only **followed** our own passions, we also once followed the course of this world.
- How were you God's **enemy** in the past? Are you still His son of disobedience?

# We Were the Enemies of God




- Notice we were God's enemies in two different ways:
- First we had a hostile **mind** (Eph. 4:18, Rom. 1:18-23). Our rebellion started with our mind, then led to our actions.
- Second, we had evil **deeds** (Rom. 1:24-32). These evil habits spin downward in our lives.
- Did any of these thoughts and deeds describe you?

# Present Us as Holy Before God



- (Heb. 10) Jesus sacrificed His **body** (death)
- He wants to **present** us the church as “**without blemish**” (Eph. 5:27) before God.
- **Holy**—Only God and what belongs to Him is holy. You are holy if you belong to God.
- **Blameless**—faultless, without defect
- **Above reproach**—nothing to be accused of

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- This is not referring to salvation by works, but rather referring to us **relating to the peace** in verse 20. This reconciliation is not complete (for us to enjoy the peace in Christ daily) until we are grounded in the faith.
  - “no shifting” because many will try to shift us
  - Are you **stable** in your faith? Do you know what you believe in, or are you simply just comfortable in the culture that you found yourself in?
  - And are you ready to **proclaim** this message of reconciliation to others?