

Hope in the Good News
Colossians 1:15-23 Part 2

Study Questions

Comment on each of the following two quotes:

“It ain’t those parts of the Bible that I can’t understand that bother me,
it is the parts that I do understand.” Mark Twain

“Certain new theologians dispute original sin, which is the only part of
Christian theology which can really be proved,” G. K. Chesterton

Read Col 1:21. Relate ‘hostile in mind’ to ‘doing evil deeds’.

What does ‘alienation’ mean? What are some evidences that we are
alienated from God?

Read Col 1:22. What does ‘reconciliation’ mean? How (specifically) were
we reconciled to God?

What is the purpose of God reconciling us to Himself?

So, who does the ‘work’ of reconciling us?

Read Psalm 130:3-4. How does God forgiving us translate into holy living?

Read Col 1:23. Pastor Greg talked about First and Second Class
Conditionals. What is the difference between the two? Why is this
important in understanding this verse?

Memory Verse

“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with
all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He
powerfully works within me.” Colossians 1:28-29

What is the ‘hope of the gospel’ as it is described in this passage?

How is Christ displayed in this passage as Sufficient? As Supreme?