

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Colossians 1:21-22

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- **“Alienated.”** The term clearly means that you were a stranger that was not known to someone. *“Foreigner, unknown, or alien”* are all perfect terms to describe this idea. This is man before salvation, and this was ourselves before Christ’s giving us faith and repentance.
 - **Ephesians 2:12**
 - **Ephesians 4:17-18**
- Our current reconciliation with God, as we discussed last week, is thanks to Christ solving our alienation problem. This was our pitiable and helpless state before salvation.
- **“and enemies in thought”** Something we need to remember every hour: God knows your thought life. We think our thoughts and our ungrateful ideas and grumblings or hatefulness in our heads is something God never sees. God sees it in every little detail.
- **“and in evil works,”** Due to Adam’s original sin and our corruption which is clearly listed in Romans 3, we do these evil works.
 - **Romans 3:9-18**
- **“He reconciled us”**
 - This is an amazing statement. He chose to reconcile us. As we discussed last week, the idea of this word “reconciliation” has something relational in it in addition to legal justification.
- **“in His body of flesh through His death”**
 - This is how much you are worth to Jesus Christ, your Creator and your King.
- **“To present you as:”**
 - **“holy”** The day will come when we, who are considered worthy by Christ (though again, through no inherent value we bring), and worthy to stand before His throne as holy. We will actually be able to stand before God and not fear His holy wrath against sin.
 - **“blameless”** We will be totally without blame or guilt in the final day when we are presented to Christ.
- **“and above reproach in His sight.”**
 - The day is coming when you will, in fact, be above any kind of accusation or reproach. No one can reproach you or make you feel guilt or shame, because instead you will be filled with gratitude, awe, and thankfulness for the One who bears your reproach for you.

Conclusion:

1. **Let us remember the nature of man, and thank God for redeeming us from the place of being hostile in mind towards God.**
2. **Let us praise our God for His reconciliation! Let us remember when we struggle with worth, or guilt, or depression, that God Himself found you worth dying for.**
3. **God deems us not only worthy of crucifying His Son and punishing your evil in Him, but also making way to eventually make you blameless.**