

Savior Supreme  
Alienated and Reconciled  
Colossians 1:15-23

We will come across people who will make up their own definition of what a Christian is, or what a Christian is supposed to look like, or how a Christian is supposed to act, but without the deity of Jesus, without Jesus being God, these other definitions are meaningless. We might live in a culture that thinks they can define God in their own terms, but according to the Bible, that simply is not the case. We might live in a world that wants a God without having to mess with Jesus, but the Bible very clearly says that without the Son, we cannot know the Father.

1. We were once \_\_\_\_\_ from God
  - A. We prefer \_\_\_\_\_ to the Creator
  - B. We produce \_\_\_\_\_ in our minds
  - C. We perform \_\_\_\_\_ works
2. Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ us to God
  - A. We are reconciled through His \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. We are reconciled through His \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. We are reconciled through His \_\_\_\_\_
3. The gospel reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - A. By faith we are \_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel
  - B. By faith we are \_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel
  - C. By faith we are \_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel

We are alienated from God, hostile and wicked, but we are reconciled to God by Jesus, if we are grounded and steadfast and have our hope in the gospel and not in anything else. The Bible gives us confidence and assurance of our salvation, but we only get it by faith in the finished work of Christ, and obedience to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit.

Reflection

Consider your salvation story. When someone asks you about your salvation experience, do you tell them about how you joined a church? Do you go straight to your baptism? Do you talk about how involved you were in the youth group? Or do you consider how you wrestled with alienation from God and the sin that resulted in you realizing you were separated from Him? Do you think back to the time when you placed your faith in Christ and the fact that He died there to pay the debt you owed for your sin? Do you have a desire to know Him more deeply and to be around His people? Are you genuinely interested in seeing more people come to know Him as Savior and Lord. If so, what are you doing to make Jesus known?