

Why God saved you

Colossians 1:21-23

Main point: God saved you to change you! Expect it!

- I. Reconciliation: Although sin makes us God's enemies, He reconciled with us through Christ (Colossians 1:21-22a).
 - A. The past: Everyone begins life alienated from God as enemies because of sin (1:21; Romans 3:10; 23).
 - B. The present: God has reconciled those who believe in Christ because He accepts Jesus' death on the cross to atone for their sin (1:22a).

- II. Transformation: God reconciled us to himself so that He could make us holy (Colossians 1:22b-23).
 - A. The purpose: God is at work now to grow you in godliness until He presents you perfect in heaven (1:22b; 1:28).
 - B. The process: We grow in godliness only as we continue to allow the truth of the gospel to transform us (1:23a; Romans 12:1-2).
 - C. The magnitude: God is transforming people through the gospel all over the world (1:23b).