

Colossians 1:21-23
“Life Overflowing! A Study of Colossians”—Part 6
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I’m not what I HOPE to be.
I’m not what I WANT to be.
I’m not what I OUGHT to be.
But thank God, I’m not what I USED to be!”

--Unknown

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.” --Colossians 1:21-23

These three verses summarize the doctrine of redemption:

1. OUR PAST: _____

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds.” (vs. 21)

Why are we alienated? _____

2. OUR PRESENT: _____

“But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.” (verse 22)

“For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”
--1 Corinthians 15:22

How are we reconciled? _____

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.” --1 Peter 2:24

3. OUR PROOF: _____

IF you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.” (verse 23)

What are we to do? _____!

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” --Hebrews 12:1

God says, “...you whom I have upheld since you were conceived, and have carried since your birth. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you.” --Isaiah 46:3-4

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.”
--Proverbs 14:12

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.”
--Hebrews 12:2