

God & Sinners Reconciled - Colossians 1:19-23

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What Christmas is all about

“Hark! The herald angels sing... God and sinners reconciled!”

Summary

Christ’s first advent is all about reconciliation. Our need for reconciliation is desperate; God’s answer is like a strange, exhilarating dream; reconciliation realized shakes us at our roots. The reconciled rejoice!

The need for reconciliation

“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds...” (Col. 1:21)

At the temple

“And you... he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him” (Colossians 1:21-22)

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Mark 5:24-34

At the judgment seat

Colossians 1:21-22

At the wedding altar

Colossians 1:21-22

Hosea 2:14-20

Ephesians 5:25-27

Application

When we *see* and *know* God’s reconciling work in our lives, we move toward deep humility, strong confidence, and overflowing joy.