

Past, Present, Future: How the Gospel Changes Everything



Sermon Questions

1. What does it mean to be "alienated" in Colossians 1:21?
 - a. You are made into an alien.
 - b. You have been estranged, cut off, separated, or isolated from God.
 - c. You were in God's good books, now you're in his bad books.
2. Every single human being is a child of God? (Yes/No)
3. In your own words, describe what it means to be hostile in mind:

4. Does it seem shocking to you that everyone is considered to be alienated, hostile in mind and doing evil deeds? (Yes/No)
5. Have you thanked God for restraining sin in your life so you're not as bad as you could be? (Yes/No/I'm doing it now).
6. Define reconciled in your own words:

7. How are people reconciled to God?
 - a. They try their best and ask God to complete what they couldn't do.
 - b. They have faith that everything will be ok.
 - c. Christ does it all—through his death and resurrection.

Definition of *penal substitutionary atonement*: Christ died on the cross as a substitute for sinners, paying the penalty for their sin.

8. God saves sinners so that they:
 - a. can go to heaven and not hell.
 - b. can be presented without sin before Jesus.
 - c. can be free to sin because they've been forgiven.

9. Give two evidences that someone has been reconciled by God:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

10. Have you been reconciled to God? (Yes/No)

11. **Bonus question for grown-ups:** Are you more prone to ecumenism (effort aimed at the unity of Christians [and other faiths] throughout the world) rather than evangelism? (Yes/No). If you answered "Yes", please consider verse 21 again. This is the eternal reality for all those who do not truly know Christ.

Need something else to do? Draw the past, present, and future for the Christian