

God and Christ (Part IV): Christ the Reconciler of All Things

Colossians 01:20–23

1 *God has reconciled all things to Himself – through Christ*

- a. The need: To make peace
- b. The means: The cross
- c. The result:
All things in heaven
and earth reconciled

2 *God has reconciled those who were alienated and enemies of God – through Christ*

**3 *God had one great purpose in reconciliation:
To present the believer perfect***

4 *God has made reconciliation conditional*

- a. Must continue in the faith
- b. Must not be moved away from the gospel

20 And through him
to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth
or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood,
shed on the cross.

21 Once you were alienated from God
and were enemies in your minds
because of your evil behaviour.

22 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 —

23 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.