

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.

A Minister Who Will Tirelessly Labour for the Church

Colossians 01:24–29

**1 A minister
who will willingly suffer
for the church**

24 Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you,
and I fill up in my flesh
what is still lacking
in regard to Christ's afflictions,
for the sake of his body,
which is the church.

**2 A minister
who has been chosen by God
to proclaim the Word of God**

25 I have become its servant
by the commission God gave me
to present to you
the word of God in its fullness —

**3 A minister
who will share
the great mystery of God —
“Christ in you,
the hope of glory”**

26 The mystery that has been kept hidden
for ages and generations,
but is now disclosed to the saints.

27 To them God has chosen
to make known among the Gentiles
the glorious riches of this mystery,
which is Christ in you,
the hope of glory.

**4 A minister
who will preach Christ
and will warn
and teach every man**

28 We proclaim him,
admonishing and teaching everyone
with all wisdom,
so that we may present everyone
perfect in Christ.

**5 A minister
who will labour and work —
strive laboriously,
depending upon Christ
for energy**

29 To this end I labour,
struggling with all his energy,
which so powerfully works in me.