

## Colossians 1:19-22

19-20 For it pleased the Father that in HIM all the FULLNESS should DWELL, and by Him to RECONCILE ALL THINGS to Himself, by Him whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made PEACE through the BLOOD of His CROSS.

•John 1:16-17 "And of His \_\_\_\_\_ we have all received, and \_\_\_\_\_ for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ came through \_\_\_\_\_."

•Romans 5:10 "For if when \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ we were \_\_\_\_\_ to God through the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_, much more, having been \_\_\_\_\_, we shall be \_\_\_\_\_ by His life."

**Definition: "RECONCILE ALL THINGS to Himself"** – To RECONCILE, or the process of RECONCILIATION, means to RESTORE to friendship or harmony; to BRING TOGETHER that which was separated. God and man were in perfect harmony and fellowship before Adam sinned, but SIN brought division, dissension, death and separation, so that now we MUST be RECONCILED to God. We can do NOTHING to bring about this reconciliation by ourselves, but it is ONLY "through the BLOOD of His CROSS" - through the death of Jesus, and the shedding of His precious blood on the cross, that we can have PEACE with God and be reconciled to God. When it says "reconcile ALL THINGS to Himself" that means NOT just OUR relationship with God, but also ALL of CREATION will be MADE RIGHT again, as it was in the Garden of Eden, before SIN BROUGHT the CURSE upon the earth.

•Colossians 1:21-22 "And you, who once were alienated and \_\_\_\_\_ in your mind by \_\_\_\_\_ works, yet now He has \_\_\_\_\_ in the body of His flesh through \_\_\_\_\_, to present you \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and irreproachable (nothing BAD to say about you) in His sight."

•II Corinthians 5:18-20 "Now all things are of God, who has \_\_\_\_\_ us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of \_\_\_\_\_, that is, that God was in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the world to Himself, \_\_\_\_\_ imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading \_\_\_\_\_; we implore you on Christ's behalf, be \_\_\_\_\_ to God."

•Ephesians 2:14 "For He is our \_\_\_\_\_, who has made both \_\_\_\_\_, and has broken down the middle wall of \_\_\_\_\_ between us."

•Romans 5:1-2 "Therefore, being justified by \_\_\_\_\_, we have \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ into this \_\_\_\_\_ wherein we stand."

**Definition: "Of HIS FULNESS"** — We now have the COMPLETE and FULL REVELATION of GOD, and who He is. All through the Old Testament, they only had a GRADUAL REVELATION of God, but it has now come to a climax and completion of the revelation IN the PERSON of JESUS CHRIST. Everything that God is, Jesus is - that's what it means by the "fulness of God."

•Colossians 2:9 "For In Him (Jesus Christ) dwells \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ bodily, and you are complete in Him, who is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all principality and power."

•Ephesians 3:17-19 "That \_\_\_\_\_ may dwell in your hearts through faith, that you,

being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to \_\_\_\_\_ with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be \_\_\_\_\_ with all the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”

**Definition: “It PLEASED the FATHER that in HIM all the FULLNESS should DWELL”** – This means it was always in God the Father’s plan to have ALL the FULLNESS of God be in the Man Jesus Christ. **It PLEASED the Father to have people worship Jesus, and consider Him as God, because He was God: Jesus ALWAYS EXISTED as God the Son, and now He was manifested on earth in a human body, as GOD IN THE FLESH.** Jesus was not taking anything away from the Father’s glory when He received worship, because this was always in God’s plan.

•**Philippians 2:5-8** “Let this mind be in you which was also in \_\_\_\_\_, who, being in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, did not consider it robbery to be \_\_\_\_\_ with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a \_\_\_\_\_, and coming in the likeness of \_\_\_\_\_. And being found in \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_, He \_\_\_\_\_ Himself and became \_\_\_\_\_ to the point of \_\_\_\_\_, even the death of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “DID NOT CONSIDER IT ROBBERY”** — Philippians 2:6 says that Jesus “did not consider it robbery to be equal to God”, or another way to say it is “He did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, or HELD ONTO.” The beginning of verse 6 already said that Jesus WAS IN THE FORM OF GOD, so we see that He ALREADY IS EQUAL with God. Then, in verse 7, it says He “made Himself of no reputation”, which could also be said as “HE EMPTIED HIMSELF of His powers as God”. **In other words, Jesus came to earth as a man, FULLY HUMAN, of His own free will, and according to God’s eternal plan for the salvation of mankind.** He never gave up His DIVINE NATURE, but He did temporarily LAY ASIDE HIS POWERS AS GOD (God the Son, the second Person of the Triune God) to become a man, and to DIE on the cross.

•**Philippians 2:9-11** “Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ also has highly exalted \_\_\_\_\_, and given Him the name that is \_\_\_\_\_ every name, that at the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ every knee should bow, of those in \_\_\_\_\_ and of those on \_\_\_\_\_, and of those \_\_\_\_\_ the earth, and that every tongue should confess that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.”

•**John 8:28-29** “Then Jesus said to them, ‘When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; but as My \_\_\_\_\_ taught Me, I speak these things. And He who sent Me is with Me. The \_\_\_\_\_ has not left Me alone, for I \_\_\_\_\_ do those \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ Him.’”

•**John 10:17-18** “Therefore My Father \_\_\_\_\_ Me, because I \_\_\_\_\_ down My \_\_\_\_\_ that I may take it again. No one \_\_\_\_\_ it from \_\_\_\_\_, but I lay it down of \_\_\_\_\_. I have power to \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_, and I have power to \_\_\_\_\_ it again [*His resurrection*]. This \_\_\_\_\_ I have received from My \_\_\_\_\_.”

•**Hebrews 10:9-10** “Then He said, ‘Behold, I have come to do \_\_\_\_\_ will, O \_\_\_\_\_.’ He takes away the first [*covenant*] that He may establish the second [*covenant*]. By that \_\_\_\_\_ we have been sanctified (made holy) through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ once for all.”

21-22 And you, who **once were ALIENATED and ENEMIES in your MIND** by wicked works, yet **now He has RECONCILED in the BODY of His FLESH through death, to PRESENT you HOLY, and blameless, and irreproachable** in His sight –

•**Ephesians 2:12** “And at that time, you [*Gentiles*] were \_\_\_\_\_ Christ,

being \_\_\_\_\_ from the commonwealth (blessings) of Israel, and \_\_\_\_\_ from the covenants of promise, having \_\_\_\_\_ hope, and without God in this world.”

• **Ephesians 2:15-16** “Having abolished in His \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, that is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man [*the Body of Christ*] from the two [*Jews & Gentiles*], thus making \_\_\_\_\_. And that He might \_\_\_\_\_ them both to \_\_\_\_\_ in one body through the \_\_\_\_\_, thereby putting to death the \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Jude 24-25** “Now unto Him who is able to keep you from \_\_\_\_\_, and to present you \_\_\_\_\_ before the presence of His \_\_\_\_\_ with exceeding \_\_\_\_\_, to the only wise God our Savior...”

• **Ephesians 1:4** “Just as He chose us in Him \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world, that we should be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ before Him in \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “ENMITY”** — Hostility, being an **ENEMY**. We were **ENEMIES** of God because we constantly failed to keep His **laws** and **commandments**.

**Definition: “Before the foundation of the world”** — This means God chose us and our names are written in the Book of Life of JESUS, the LAMB of GOD, before we ever accepted Christ, before we were born, and even before God created the world. In **I Peter 1:2** it is called being “Elect (**CHOSEN**) according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father...” Not only has God **CHOSEN US** before the world existed, but He **KNEW** (foreknowledge) how He would save us through the death of His own Son, before He even created man or man sinned.

**Definition: “ALIENATED and ENEMIES in your MIND”** – “Alienated” or being an alien means UNFRIENDLY, HOSTILE, not BELONGING. “*Enmity*” means hostility, being an ENEMY. ALL PEOPLE are enemies of God until we are saved, because we constantly fail to keep and obey His laws and commandments. **This ALIENATION is evident in our “wicked works” but also in our MINDS.** Our way of thinking is wrong. God’s word calls it being “carnally minded.” Carnal means “of the flesh”, and it is the opposite of being spiritually minded and thinking like God. “**CARNALLY MINDED**” means to **THINK** like the **UNSAVED** people **think**, thinking only of material, fleshly things. The OPPOSITE is a person who is CONTROLLED by or ‘FILLED WITH’ the Holy Spirit (spiritually minded).

• **Romans 8:6-7** “For to be carnally \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, but to be spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ is life and \_\_\_\_\_. Because the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.”

• **I Corinthians 2:14-16, 3:1-3** “But the natural (unsaved) man does not receive (understand) the things of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, for they are \_\_\_\_\_ to him; nor can he \_\_\_\_\_ them, because they are \_\_\_\_\_ discerned. But he who is \_\_\_\_\_ judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For ‘Who has known the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord that he may instruct Him?’ But we have the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. And I, brethren, could \_\_\_\_\_ speak to you as \_\_\_\_\_ people but as to \_\_\_\_\_, as to babes in Christ.”

• **Colossians 3:1-2** “If then you were \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ, seek those \_\_\_\_\_ which are \_\_\_\_\_, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your \_\_\_\_\_ on things \_\_\_\_\_, and not on things on the \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **James 4:4** “Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that \_\_\_\_\_ with

the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the \_\_\_\_\_ makes himself an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “He has RECONCILED in the BODY of His FLESH through DEATH”** – As we see in the Scriptures and definitions above, **to reconcile is to bring us back to God, because we have been separated from Him by our sin.** Jesus did this on the cross, and when Jesus died, after paying the penalty for all of our sins, the veil or curtain in the temple was torn in two. That is what it means in Hebrews 10:19-20, “through the veil, that is, His flesh.” Jesus’ body of flesh was torn and mangled on the cross, but it is **through His crucified BODY, His FLESH,** that we are able to approach God and be saved and reconciled to Him.

• **Hebrews 10:19-20** “Therefore, brethren, having \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the Holiest by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, that is, His \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “To PRESENT you HOLY, and BLAMELESS, and irreproachable (nothing BAD to say about you) in His sight”** – God does not see us with all of our character defects and sins, but **He sees us as the beautiful, pure Bride of Christ, the church.** When we are in heaven, we will celebrate at what is called the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Jesus). God will present us as the perfect, blameless, pure Bride of Christ, but not because of anything we have done, but **ONLY by His GRACE, as He has WASHED us and CLEANSED us in the BLOOD of Christ, and MADE us HOLY (sanctified).**

• **Romans 8:31-34** “What then shall we say to these things? If God be \_\_\_\_\_ us, who can be \_\_\_\_\_ us? He who did not spare His own \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ Him up for \_\_\_\_\_ all, how shall He not with \_\_\_\_\_ also freely \_\_\_\_\_ us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who \_\_\_\_\_. Who is he who \_\_\_\_\_? It is Christ who \_\_\_\_\_, and furthermore is also \_\_\_\_\_, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.”

• **I Thessalonians 3:13** “So that He may establish your hearts \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ before our God and Father at the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Ephesians 2:6-7** “And has raised us up together, and has made us to \_\_\_\_\_ together in \_\_\_\_\_ places \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come, He might \_\_\_\_\_ the exceeding riches of His \_\_\_\_\_ in His kindness towards \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus.”

• **Colossians 3:4** “When Christ who is our life \_\_\_\_\_, then \_\_\_\_\_ also will appear with \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Revelation 19:6-9** “And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings saying, ‘Alleluia! For the \_\_\_\_\_ God Omnipotent reigns! Let \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and give Him \_\_\_\_\_, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lamb (Jesus) has come, and His wife has made herself ready.’ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, for the fine linen is the \_\_\_\_\_ acts of the saints. Then he said to me, ‘Write: ‘\_\_\_\_\_ are those who are called to the marriage \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_!’ And he said to me, ‘These are the true sayings of God.’”

• **II Corinthians 11:2** “For I am jealous for you with \_\_\_\_\_ jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one \_\_\_\_\_, that I may \_\_\_\_\_ you as a chaste (pure, undefiled) virgin to \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Ephesians 5:25-26** “Husbands, \_\_\_\_\_ your wives, just as \_\_\_\_\_ also

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and gave Himself for it, that He might \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ it with the \_\_\_\_\_ of water by the \_\_\_\_\_.”