

Reconciliation Applied – Colossians 1:21-22

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In recent weeks, we have considered the great hymn in verses 15-20, which exalts the Lord Jesus Christ as supreme over creation and redemption. He is the Creator of all things and the Redeemer or Reconciler of his fallen creation. But this wonderful hymn has *personal application* for every believer, for Paul continues by urging us to consider *three components* in the dynamic of our own reconciliation:

1. The Recipients of Reconciliation
 - a. The state of their former relationship: *alienated*
 - b. The state of their former mindset: *enemies*
 - c. The state of their former behavior: *evil-workers*

2. The Agent of Reconciliation

3. The Result of Reconciliation
 - a. The *alienated* are now *holy*.
 - b. The *enemies* are now *blameless*.
 - c. The *evil-workers* are now *above reproach*.