

# SERMON OUTLINE Colossians 1:21-23

Persevering Faith in Christ Our Treasure

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*Real letter, real people, real author*

*Your Condition and Calling: From Alienated Joy to Reconciled Delight in God (vs. 21-22)*

*Your Response: Continuing Because You Treasure Christ (vs. 23a)*

*Your Unshakeable Foundation: The Satisfying Gospel Is Your Confidence (vs. 23b)*

*The Gospel History Behind Us and Before Us*

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## SERMON AIM

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To remind you of the great hope we have in Christ who has reconciled us to God the Father and will present us holy and blameless. Therefore, we joyfully persevere in Him, through Him, and for Him for our utmost joy and His utmost glory today into infinity.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Where do you see in your own story that you were once “alienated and hostile in mind”?
- 2) How does Christ’s reconciliation change not just your standing with God, but your joy in God?
- 3) How does Paul’s “if you continue in the faith” both warn us and reassure us about what genuine, saving faith actually looks like over time?
- 4) What are some ways Christians today “drift” from the hope of the gospel? How do you fight “drifting” today?
- 5) How does seeing Christ as your greatest treasure help you persevere in faith?
- 6) In what way/s does it help to know and think about the gospel legacy we are a part of over the last 2,000+ years?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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- Preach the gospel to yourself daily and remind your brothers and sisters of the best news ever. Read [“A Gospel Primer”](#) by Milton Vincent
- Run to Christ in prayer and not away from Him, when your joy feels weak or fading. Help someone this week do the same.
- Stay rooted in God’s Word, reading it even a little each day. Set aside time as a family or couple to read together.
- Fight for joy in Christ as your treasure and not in the temporal things today. Write down one way God has been kind to you each day this coming week and post it in your home.
- Remember your past alienation from God to grow gratitude in Jesus for His mighty work. “You once were an enemy, but now you are a child of God.”

## PRAYER FOR YOUR WEEK

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Use this to foster prayer this week to endure, thrive, and treasure Jesus:

Father, I praise You for Your grace and mercy. You are holy, perfect, and full of steadfast love. Thank You for being my greatest treasure and joy. I confess that I often drift from You. My heart chases lesser things, and I lose sight of Christ as my greatest delight. Forgive my wandering and coldness toward your abounding grace in Jesus. Thank You for reconciling me to you through Jesus. Thank You that He came all the way to this broken and sin-sick world, securing my salvation by His death. Thank You that I am now holy, blameless, and accepted before You. Help me to continue in the faith, stable and steadfast. Strengthen my heart to treasure Christ above all things. Keep me from drifting and deepen my joy in the gospel so that I would persevere in Him to the end. For Your glory and my good. Amen.