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STUDY GUIDE – COLOSSIANS 1 – **Part 3 – 1:19-29**

Chapter 1:19-29

1. v. 19 Paul's statement in verse 19 may reflect _____ to the _____ idea that divine powers and attributes were _____ among various _____. This statement is further evidence of the preeminence of Christ.
2. v. 20 Christ's preeminence is shown in the fact that He is God's _____ of _____ of all things to Himself.
 - a. This reconciliation that is _____ is also a _____. Christ is the avenue of reconciliation, but the process is ongoing in that _____, as men and women _____ the _____, they become _____ in this reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-21)
 - b. Finally, at the _____, all things (all _____ of God's _____, Romans 8:18-22; 2 Peter 3:12-13; Revelation 21:1) will be completely reconciled.
 - c. Understanding the idea of reconciliation of all *in heaven and in earth* must not be misinterpreted. "Things in heaven" cannot be the _____ because they are in _____ with God. It cannot mean the _____, for their eternal fate is _____, Jude:16; Revelation 20:10-15. Therefore, Paul must have in mind reconciliation of these things in that all is under the complete _____ of God, have _____ the complete reign of God (Philippians 2:9-11; Ephesians 1:21-22) and the work of the devil is finally and completed _____.
3. Paul shows that instead of the false teachings that disregarded the existence in the flesh, God brought about man's reconciliation through _____ coming in the _____.
 - a. Reconciliation is through (v. 20) the _____ of the _____ of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-14; 1 Peter 1:18 and the _____ (v. 22) of Himself in the _____ of His flesh (Hebrews 9:12-14; 13:11-12).
4. V. 21 And they, like we do, needed reconciliation to God because they were
 - a. once _____ (estranged; separated)
 - b. and _____ (hostile; hateful) in their _____
 - c. and enemies through their _____.

5. But having been reconciled, the Lord will be able to present them
- _____
 - _____ (without blemish - Ephesians 5:26-27)
 - _____ (no charge successfully brought against - Romans 8:31-33)
6. V. 23 Our _____ to reconciliation and the _____ for our blameless presentation is to
- _____ in the faith
 - be _____ (firmly established)
 - be _____ (staying on course; persevere)
 - be _____ from the hope of the gospel
7. In verse 24, Paul cannot be saying that the sufferings of Christ were somehow lacking or _____ to accomplish the _____ of our sins for the work of Christ in reconciling men to God is complete in Christ's _____ in the flesh (v. 22), _____ His blood (v. 20) , and _____ His body, the church v. 18) [compare Ephesians 1:19 - 2:22].
- Paul, like all Christians who are afflicted, is a _____ or _____ in Christ sufferings. The injury that the enemy manifested toward Jesus would _____ in that it would be turned toward those who _____ Jesus (cf. Matthew 10:17-18; John 15:18; 1 Peter 2:21; 4:12-14).
8. Similar to what he did in the Ephesian epistle (3:1-11), Paul _____ God for choosing him and using him in the ministry of the mystery.
- v. 24 God allowed him to _____ for Christ and the church, v. 24 (Acts 9:15-16);
 - v. 25a God chose him to be a _____ (minister) through the gift of His grace (Ephesians 3:7-8);
 - v. 25b God chose him to be a _____ of the mysteries of God (1 Cor. 4:1-2);
 - v. 29 God worked in him so that he could _____ (endeavor; labor fervently)
9. V. 27 The *riches of the glory* is _____ in you, the _____ of glory (Ephesians 3:17; Romans 8:9-11; 9:23-24)