**Col. 1:20-23
Reconciled Through His Blood**

Intro

I. THE DEFINITION OF RECONCILIATION (v. 20).

A. Peace. make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of enemies.

B. Cf. 1 Cor. 7:11.

II. THE OBJECTS OF RECONCILIATION (vv. 20-22).

A. All things? things on earth or things in heaven? = Creation, cf. Col. 1:15-17 where occurs 4 times of creation.

B. People (v. 21) -

1) Alienated cf. Eph. 2:12; Eph. 4:18.

2) hostile in mind noetic affects of sin. ourselves.

3) engaged in evil deeds? -

III. THE SOURCE OF RECONCILIATION.

A. Who should be doing the reconciling

B. God is the subject of reconciliation, sinful man is the object and Christ is the means.

C. Not a potential reconciliation (v. 20, 22).

IV. THE GOAL OF RECONCILIATION (v. 22b).

A. To present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach.

B. Realized at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

V. HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE RECONCILED?

A. The meaning of the conditional clause.

B. Those truly reconciled, will continue in the faith, firmly established and steadfast.

**CONCLUSION**