

## Colossians 1:21-23

Christ Will Present His Elect  
Blameless Before The Throne

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
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### Outline

Colossians 1:15-20 **Christ Hymn** (3<sup>rd</sup> Person)  
 Colossians 1:21-23 **Application of Hymn**  
 (2<sup>nd</sup> Person)  
 Colossians 1:24-2:5 **Apostolic Task** (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Person) "I and you"

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vs21a. And you...then being...hostile in mind  
       b.                               **in evil works**  
 vs22a.                   but now...   reconciled  
       b.                               **in His flesh**

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
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### The Divine "But"

Colossians 1:21-22 And you, were formerly  
alienated and hostile in mind, in evil deeds,  
 but now He has reconciled you in His fleshly  
body through death, to present you holy,  
 and blameless, and above reproach before  
 Him...

Romans 3:20-21 Therefore by the **deeds of the**  
**law** no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by  
 the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the  
 righteousness of God **apart from the law** is  
 revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the  
 Prophets.

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- ❖ Protasis: if you continue in the faith (vs.23)
- ❖ Apodosis: ...holy, blameless, above reproach – before Him (vs.22)

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Class Conditional: Assumption of truth
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Conditional: Assumption of untruth
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Conditional: (If a then b) (probable future)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Class Conditional: (Less probable future)

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Philippians 2:12-13 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

John 10:27-28 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and **they will never perish**; and no one will snatch them out o My hand.

- ❖ Why the warning in Hebrews 6:4-9?

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Hebrews 6:4-9 For it is impossible for those who were enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame. For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears crops useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned. **But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.**

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God Uses Means To Accomplish His Tasks	
God's Sovereignty	Means
1. Elect to salvation Ephesians 1:4	Preacher, Sender, Word, Rom.10:14-17
2. Author and finisher of our faith Hebrews 12:2	Warnings Hebrews 6:4-9; 10:26-39

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**Hearing In A Salvific Way**

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Deuteronomy 29:4 Yet to this day, the LORD has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them...

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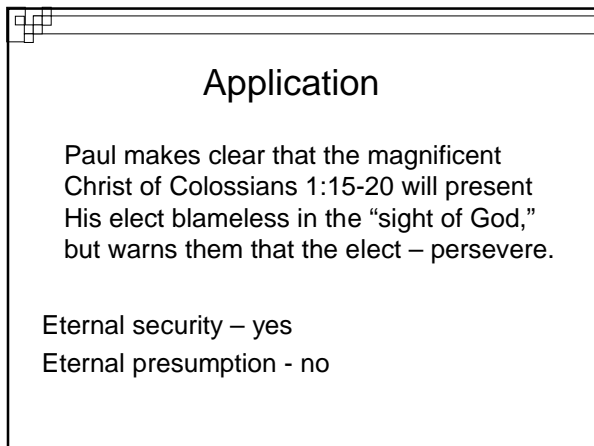
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