

# The Preeminence of Christ: Devotionals

*The Book of Colossians*

## Sermon Series Week FOUR: “From Alienation to Assurance”

**Sermon Date:** Sunday, November 23, 2025

**Scripture:** Colossians 1:21-24

### DAY 1 - Sin Separates

**Scripture:**

*“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds...”*

Colossians 1:21

**Daily Thought:**

Sin is not merely something we do—it shapes who we are apart from Christ. Paul describes our pre-salvation state with three words: alienated, hostile, and evil-doing. Sin distances us from God relationally, mentally, and morally. It blinds, hardens, and distorts. Before salvation, we were the abandoned house—broken windows, sagging roof, overgrown weeds. Yet Christ looked upon us and saw what we could become through His restoring grace.

**Action Step:**

Identify at least one sinful thought pattern or attitude that has shaped your responses lately. Confess it honestly before God.

**Prayer:**

Father, open my eyes to the places where sin has distanced my heart and distorted my thinking. I confess my need for Your cleansing and ask You to restore my mind and affections. Keep me from drift—mentally, morally, spiritually. Amen.

**Reflection Questions:**

1. *What thoughts or attitudes have been quietly pulling my heart away from God?*
2. *Where do I see the fruit of alienation showing up in my daily behavior?*

## **DAY 2 - Christ Reconciles**

### **Scripture:**

*"He has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him."*

Colossians 1:22

### **Daily Thought:**

Where sin separates, Christ restores. His death did not merely repair the house—He rebuilt it from the foundation up. Through His blood, Christ satisfied God's justice (penal substitution) and removed every accusation that stood against us. In Him, you are not partially forgiven, not conditionally accepted, but fully reconciled and declared holy, blameless, and above reproach. No accusation stands because Christ already bore them all.

### **Action Step:**

Speak out loud a truth about your identity in Christ (ex: "In Christ, I am blameless before God."). Reject any lingering shame He has already removed.

### **Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, thank You for reconciling me through Your death. Thank You for removing every accusation and making me acceptable before the Father. Help me walk in the freedom You purchased for me. Amen.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. *Do I believe—truly believe—that Christ has made me acceptable before God?*
2. *What guilt or shame do I still carry that Christ has already paid for?*

### **DAY 3 — Restored to Holiness**

#### **Scripture:**

*“...in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.”*

Colossians 1:22b

#### **Daily Thought:**

Reconciliation is not only about forgiveness—it is about transformation. Christ did not save us to leave us unchanged; He restores the image of God in us. Through the Spirit, He separates us unto God, shifting our loves, our desires, and our priorities. The great exchange becomes visible: we once loved the world and were separated from God; now we love God and are separated from the world.

#### **Action Step:**

Choose one area of your life where holiness needs to grow. Establish a simple habit that supports Christ-like change (ex: redirecting a temptation, removing a distraction, adding Scripture meditation).

#### **Prayer:**

Holy Spirit, transform me into the image of Christ. Restore in me what sin has distorted. Make me holy—not just in reputation but in reality. Help me reflect Jesus in my thoughts, choices, and desires. Amen.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. *Where is God calling me to grow in holiness right now?*
2. *What desires or habits must be surrendered for holiness to flourish?*

## **DAY 4 - Believers Persevere**

### **Scripture:**

*"...if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel..."*

Colossians 1:23

### **Daily Thought:**

Perseverance is not the cause of salvation—it is the evidence of it. True believers continue in the faith because God continues His work in them. Paul's "if" is not a threat but an expectation: since you will continue. Perseverance looks like stability, steadfastness, and a refusal to shift from gospel hope. Christ holds us secure, but we actively choose to remain anchored.

### **Action Step:**

List the top three things that threaten to move you away from gospel hope—pressure, temptation, fear, distraction, or doubt. Bring them before God.

### **Prayer:**

Lord, ground my heart in the gospel. Strengthen my faith so I remain steadfast and unshaken. Give me endurance in trials, loyalty in temptation, and focus in distraction. Anchor my soul in Christ. Amen.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. *What most often attempts to shift my hope away from Christ?*
2. *How am I actively strengthening my spiritual roots?*

## **DAY 5 - From Alienation to Assurance**

### **Scripture:**

*We were once alienated, but now Christ has reconciled us and calls us to continue in the faith.*

Colossians 1:21–23 (summary)

### **Daily Thought:**

The gospel is more than a moment—it's a life. It changes your past (alienation removed), your present (reconciliation and transformation), and your future (eternal hope secured). Assurance does not come from emotion or performance but from the finished work of Christ. The abandoned house is now a restored home, occupied by the Spirit, built on Christ, and secured by grace. You are His—and He keeps what He saves.

### **Action Step:**

Write a short personal declaration of faith that summarizes your assurance in Christ. (Example: "Christ has reconciled me, is transforming me, and will sustain me to the end.")

### **Prayer:**

Father, thank You for bringing me from alienation to assurance through Your Son. Root my confidence in Christ's finished work. Help me live as one who has been reconciled, restored, and called to persevere. Strengthen me daily by Your Spirit. Amen.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. *How has Christ changed my past, my present, and my future?*
2. *What does perseverance look like for me in the coming months?*