

GRACE NOTES

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Series: Colossians—Jesus Is Enough

Message: Being Certain of Your Salvation

Scripture: Colossians 1:21-23

21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

22 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,

23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Study Notes:

Describe yourself as a 10 year old? What did you like? What kinds of things did you do?

Describe yourself 10 years later? How did you change? Did the things you liked to do change? How?

How are you different today?

Thinking back to Sunday's service, what encouraged you, inspired you, challenged you, or changed your thinking?

Paul says that before we became believers we were alienated from God and hostile in our attitude toward Him. We don't think of our experience like this. Why not?

In **Colossians 1:21-22**, Paul talks about our life before Christ and our life in Christ. How do these differ?

Read **Romans 8:5-8**.

Why can we not live to please God apart from being in Christ?

In what ways are non-believers living in hostility toward God?

What does it mean to you personally that you are reconciled to God through Jesus?

We are not saved by our works nor do we stay saved by our works, so are our works (good or bad) important? Explain.

Read **Matthew 5:14-16**.

What is the value of doing good works?

Read **Philippians 2:12-13** and **James 2:14-17**.

How do faith and good works go together?

Take the last few minutes of your small group to share what you gained from Tom Robinson's testimony on Sunday morning.