

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Colossians 1:19-23
The Gift of Peace

Getting Started

Give an example of reconciliation that you've observed or experienced.

Digging In

1. Look up the word *reconcile* in a dictionary and write the definition here:
2. **Read Col 1:19-20.** Why was Jesus **qualified** to reconcile us to God?
3. **Read v. 21.** **Why** did we need reconciliation?
4. **Read v. 20 & 22.** **How** did God reconcile us to himself?
5. What did it cost God to reconcile us to himself. (cf. John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8)
6. **Why** did God reconcile us to himself. What purposes does Paul list in v. 22?
7. Write a paraphrase of v. 22. (Put the verse in your own words.)
8. **Read v. 23.** What is the evidence that a person has truly been reconciled to God?
9. How is Christ's role as reconciler seen in the angel's announcement to Joseph? (Matt 1:18-21)
10. How did an angel make the same point when he appeared to the shepherds to tell them of Jesus' birth? (Luke 2:8-12)



Getting Personal

- What are some ways in which our culture promotes a sentimentalized view of Christmas?
- How does this keep us from appreciating its true significance?
- How should it affect our lives to realize that Advent is about Jesus coming to be our Savior and King?
- How can show our gratitude for God's great gift of peace through Jesus Christ?