

**Alderwood Community Church  
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**Reconciled!  
Colossians 1:21-23**

Big Idea: Reconciliation gives us a reason to try because we trust.

**What is reconciliation?**

Dictionary definition: The act of restoring harmony to a broken relationship or friendship.

Strong's Bible Dictionary – apokatalasso: to reconcile completely

**Why do we need to be reconciled?**

Our problem – “alienation”: **to be unfriendly, hostile, or indifferent where attachment formerly existed.**

**When were we reconciled to God?**

Accomplished then, realized now.

## How does it work?

Positional Holiness: "...since I have been justified and adopted, when God looks at me, he sees me as spotless and blameless in his sight." – Matt Chandler

## How do we respond?

- By trying – ("*continue*", **v. 23**) not a fear-driven effort to prove I'm worthy, but a hope-driven effort to be more like Him.
  - "...*just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him.*" (**Colossians 2:6**)
- By trusting – ("*established and firm*", **v. 23**) knowing that the verdict leads to the performance and not the other way around.
  - "*For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*" (**Colossians 3:3-4**)
  - My position is the greatest motivation for my practice.

## Where is this reconciliation taking place?

"*Everywhere*" (**v. 23**) and "*All over the world [and] among you*" (**v. 6**).