



Non-Irreconcilable Differences | Colossians 1:19-23

1. Brainstorm some dates or events in history that have made a lasting impact on our world.
2. In what ways is Jesus' death on the cross of greater consequence than these events?
3. Why did Jesus have to die on the cross? Why could there not have been another way to deal with the problem of sin?
4. Can you personally relate to Paul's description of your life before you were in Christ—that you were alienated from God, his enemy, doing evil deeds? How would you help a co-worker or neighbour or your son or daughter understand that this is true of their lives?
5. It is amazing how Jesus changes everything in our lives. Paul says that Jesus presents us to God as holy, without flaw, and without accusation against us. What does that mean to you? What practical differences do these truths make in your life?
6. What do you think about love like that?
7. What should be our response to all of this?
 - Persevering faith and a firm hope (1:23).
 - This passage reminds us that those who are saints persevere in their faith and hope.
 - The "if" clause means that Paul is encouraging them with this and even expecting this to be true in their lives.