



**Title | The Big If**  
**Series | Toward Wholeness**  
**Text | Colossians 1:21-23**  
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# Sermon Notes

**Colossians 1:21** 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. *ESV*

## Big Idea:

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## **For Reflection and Application:**

### **Monday:**

**Read Colossians 1:21-23. What is “the big if?” The majority of scholars understand Paul to be talking about a condition required to keep or to prove one’s eternal salvation. How do you feel about this? Why do you think this is such a common interpretation?**

### **Tuesday:**

**Reread Colossians 1:23. What does it mean to “continue in the faith”? (See Colossians 2:6.)**

### **Wednesday:**

**Reread Colossians 1:22 and compare it with Romans 14:10 and 2 Corinthians 5:10. Where or to whom will believers be “presented” and for what purpose? Will all genuine believers automatically be found holy, blameless, and above reproach? Why or why not?**

### **Thursday:**

**Read 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13. How does this parallel what Paul is saying in Colossians 1:21-23?**

### **Friday:**

**Read 2 Timothy 2:15, Philippians 2:14, and Titus 1:7. How do these verses relate to what Paul is saying in Colossians 1:21-23?**

### **Daily Prayer:**

**Lord, thank you that, through faith in Christ, I have been reconciled. Help me now to continue in the faith that I may be found mature and worthy of reward when you come for me. Amen.**