

THE BEGINNING OF HOPE

PART TWO: CHRIST TO THE RESCUE

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The physical death of Jesus was the only hope sinners had to be at peace with God. Sadly, many followers of Jesus still feel inadequate and strive to earn their way to peace and acceptance.

Jesus is Fully Capable

Colossians 1:19 *For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,*

Because Jesus is God, there is nothing of God He lacks .

There is in Christ: the fulness of pardoning mercy .

There is in Christ: the fulness of peace and comfort .

There is in Christ: the fulness of sanctifying grace .

The Breach is Fully Reconciled

Colossians 1:20–21 *and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.*

Reconciliation means we are bound together with Jesus, and therefore God sees Jesus' perfection upon us.

Every sinner stands before God as an enemy, but when Jesus reconciles us he makes us God's child .

Every sinner is guilty and condemned, but when Jesus justifies us God declares us righteous .

This “peace” means all warfare between an individual sinner and a Holy God has ceased .

We are Fully Blameless

Colossians 1:22 *Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.*

God took the initiative, the first steps to reconcile us to Himself.

Because Jesus rescued us, we have a new standing with God.

God no longer views us as enemies but as blameless sons and daughters.

We can now through Jesus, see ourselves as forgiven and faultless .

Take this with you...

Because Jesus is fully God, we need no other qualification to have eternal life.

Our minds' incorrect recordings of guilt and inadequacies can be overwritten with the truth.

When we recognize who we are in Christ, we can enjoy the peace He paid for.

We must habitually remind ourselves often of our new standing before God.