



Before and After Contrast

Family Discussion



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Colossians 1:21 – 23 (MSG)



You yourselves are a case study of what he does. At one time you all had your backs turned to God, thinking rebellious thoughts of him, giving him trouble every chance you got. But now, by giving himself completely at the Cross, actually dying for you, Christ brought you over to God's side and put your lives together, whole and holy in his presence.



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Discuss



- Note the “At one time” and “But now...” What is the contrast Paul makes in these verses?
- How might you have given God “trouble, every chance you got”?
- What are the implications of being made “whole and holy” in God’s presence? How might that surprise and encourage you?



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Pray



- Thank God that He has made you “whole and holy in His presence”.
- Ask God to help you more and more to be more Christlike (whole and holy) in your daily living.
- Pray for the salvation of people you know who still have their “backs turned to God” and are living in rebellion against God.



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