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Does Jesus Work Mightily in You?
Colossians 1:21-29

1. **What We Were Before** *“Once you were alienated and hostile in your minds because of your evil actions.”* (21)

2. **How He Transformed Us** *“But now He has reconciled you by His physical body through His death...”* (22a)
 - from darkness to light (Colossians 1:13; Ephesians 5:8)
 - from slaves to children (Galatians 4:7; Romans 8:8-14)
 - from blind to sighted (John 9:25; 2 Corinthians 4:4)
 - from dead to living (Colossians 2:13; John 5:24)
 - from lost to saved (Luke 15: sheep, coin, son)
 - from the broad way leading to destruction to the narrow way leading to life (Matthew 7:13)
 - from enemies to friends (John 15:15)

3. **Who We Are Now** *“...to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before Him- if indeed you remain grounded and steadfast in the faith...”* (22b-23a).

4. **Paul’ Ministry** (24-29)
 - Suffering and Stewardship
 - Inspiration and Perspiration

Col 1:21-29 Once you were alienated and hostile in your minds because of your evil actions. (22) But now He has reconciled you by His physical body through His death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before Him- (23) if indeed you remain grounded and steadfast in the faith and are not shifted away from the hope of the gospel that you heard. *This gospel* has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and I, Paul, have become a servant of it. (24) Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and I am completing in my flesh what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for His body, that is, the church. (25) I have become its servant, according to God's administration that was given to me for you, to make God's message fully known, (26) the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints. (27) God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (28) We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. (29) I labor for this, striving with His strength that works powerfully in me.

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