

## Christ's Unfolded Plan for YOU!

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Colossians 1:21-29

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How the Father Reconciled through Christ 19-23

### 1. The Father's Reconciling Pleasure 19,20a

- Salvation is God's delight - 1:19,20; Mic 7:18; Is 53:10

### 2. The Father's Reconciling Method 20b, 22a

- Our sin alienated us from God so we hid Gen 3:8
- Christ bore our shame so we might be holy & blameless Col 1:22
- Christ is proof God has reconciled us: Rom 8:32

### 3. The Father's Reconciling Purpose 21-22

- God knew you were a dirty rotten sinner, He saved you anyhow! 1:21
- God saved you to be holy 1:22. Just look at Israel Deut 7:6-9

### 4. The Father's Reconciling Condition 23

- God saved you to walk in holiness – believers will do it! Phil 1:6
- If you aren't walking in holiness then are you a believer?
- God's sovereignty gives us comfort that since He saved us, He will keep us & make us holy. That Not an invitation to sin... just look at God's character!
- Can you explain the Gospel in 60 seconds???

## Christ Reconciled You for Servant Ministry 24-29

### 1. The Servant's Attitude 24

- Ministry is suffering in this world - rejoice in it: Act 5:41
- Christ called suffering blessed: Mt 5:10-12
- Be careful of WHY you suffer: 1 Pet 4:15-16

### 2. The Servant's Charge 25-27

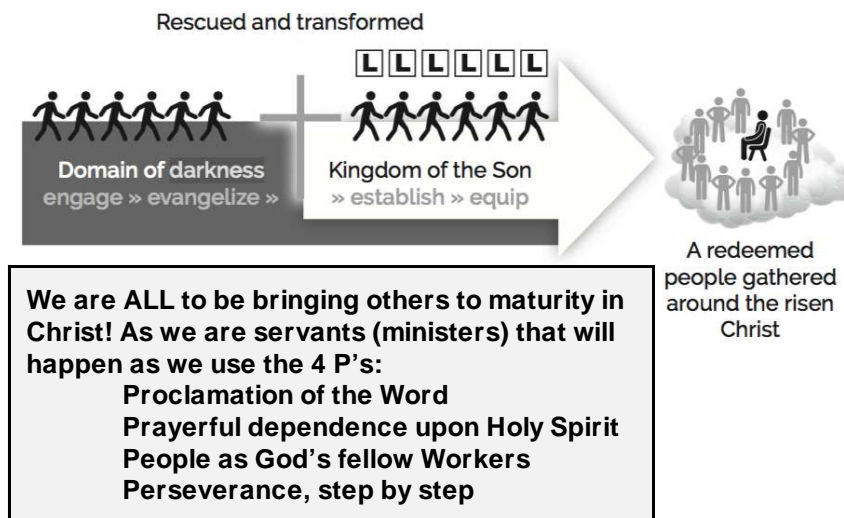
- We are called to be servants (ministers) 25
- You're not your own, you were bought with a price therefore... 1 Cor 6:19b-20
- Think: What is the duty of a servant – to HONOR His Master!

### 3. The Servant's Purpose 28

- We are saved & called to serve by sharing the Gospel 28
- We are called to be making disciples (moving people to the right)

### 4. The Servant's Energy 29

- Servant ministry will be work, but we have an extreme power source!
- We minister with all HIS energy



## Discuss & Apply:

- How do most people accept the idea that God DELIGHTS in saving sinners? What does that mean for us?
- How does the fact that Christ is the acceptable sacrifice vs. our works change our standing before God and our day-to-day blessings?
- How does our 'pre-saved' condition affect our salvation and standing before God?
- How can we know we are saved? V23 How does a solid body of believers help?
- What is the danger of the clergy/laity distinction? Do you view yourself as a servant minister? Why or why not?
- Why is it hard to see persecution and suffering as 'normal' things for a believer in this world? What lies do we believe?
- Discuss the purpose for which Christ saved us.
- What must you do if you run out of energy?
- Discuss the "Vine Project" drawing. What do we learn? How is it helpful?