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22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

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And, again, what is the result of our reconciliation? 1:22b ICor.1:8

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What are some examples of this? Mt.7:22-23, 13:3-8; Jn.8:31; IJn.2:18-19; NOTE: **Phil.3:17-19**

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We were at one time declared aliens to God. To God, saints, God's household.

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We were enemies in our minds because of our evil behavior. Do evil, think evil... enemies.

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You were dead in trespasses and sins, children of wrath, even like the rest...

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He, God, has reconciled you. He does it by Christ's physical body/death. Physical not evil!

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It was His (Jesus) willing choice, of His own initiative, to lay down His life, and rise again.

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To present us to Himself, holy, without blemish (unreproveable), free from accusation!

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One infallible test of true salvation is 'if you continue in your faith..'. Stumble maybe...

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Some deceived, some deceiving. But note that some 'fall away, from us' i.e., believers.

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The Gospel that has been proclaimed worldwide, of which Paul had become a servant.

Where does the power to 'continue in your faith' come from? IICor.5:17-19 also Lu.22:31-34

It comes from God (vs18) as part of the new creation. It's being reconciled to God (vs19)

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We are to beg the unsaved, on behalf of Christ, to be reconciled to God! Ambassadors!