Jesus—Nothing More, Nothing Less Do Not Shift from the Hope Colossians 1:21-23

Sermon Notes for July 19, 2020

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Jesus—Nothing More, Nothing Less Discussion/Study Guide for Colossians 1:21-23

We hope this guide will help you go deeper into God's Word and spur you on in obedience to what God is teaching us today. Please feel free to use all or part of it for your group discussion or personal study.

- Reread Colossians 1:21-23. In verse 21, Paul uses three terms to describe people before being reconciled to God through Jesus.
 What are those terms? Can you recall from your own experience when that was true of you? What was life like for you then?
- How does/should remembering where you've come from help you in the way you perceive and treat the people around you?
- Verse 22 says that reconciliation with God comes through Jesus' death. What does that mean to you? How does Jesus' death bring about peace between us and God? Can you explain this? See Rom. 3:21-26; 5:1-2,6-11; 6:5-11
- How did it come about in your life that you realized that Jesus was God's way of reconciling you to Himself?
- According to verse 22 what is the purpose of our being reconciled by Jesus' death?
- Do you believe that these words are descriptive of you? Why or Why not?
- According to verse 23 what is our responsibility in living a life that shows we are reconciled to God?
- In his message, Pastor Phil talked about living above the line and below the line. How should knowing that these words are the way God sees us above the line effect the way we are living below the line?
- What are the three reminders that Paul gives to keep us from shifting from the hope we have in the gospel?

Taking Action: These 3 reminders are a good template for creating a personal testimony. Take some time to put into words what your life was like before trusting Jesus. Describe how you came to trust Jesus. And then describe how being reconciled to God through faith in Jesus has changed your life. Consider who you might be able to share this testimony with. Pray for an opportunity. Share as the Lord leads you.