The Gospel: The Living Reconciliation

In the midst of the turmoil in this tumultuous world there is good news. God has given all people a way out of the mess we're in. The way out is called the gospel. The gospel comes from two words: "eu" (good) and "angel" (message). This is where we get the word "evangel" -- good message. The English version became "good spel" or good story. From this we get the word "gospel." And this gospel is still alive today. That's good news.

In the book of Colossians we find Paul bringing us into an awareness of our past before we had received the good news. "Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your mind because of your evil behavior" (Colossians 1:21). Most of the world will not recognize the reality of God's point of view because the world's view is steadfastly locked-in on its own righteousness. Immediately, when a person receives the gospel, that view is reversed. That's good news.

Paul explained it this way: "But now God has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation" (Colossians 1:22). This offer of reconciliation is still alive for anyone in any situation on any place on the face of this earth. That's good news.

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Colossians 1:21-23

21 OUR PAST

Ephesians 2:1-5

Revelation 6:15-17

22 OUR PRESENT

1 John 1:9

Zechariah 3:1-5

Revelation 12:10-11

23 OUR FUTURE

Hebrews 11:6

Hebrews 4:14-16

Hebrews 6:13-20

Luke 22:14-16

Luke 22:19-20