

Study 2

COLOSSIANS 1:13-14, 21-23

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# WHY YOU ARE NOW DIFFERENT

THE false teachers attempting to draw the Colossian believers away from the gospel were teaching their own gospel based on a host of pseudo-spiritual rules. But genuine Christianity is genuine Christianity because it involves a genuine miracle of conversion.

1. Based on Colossians 1:13, how does Paul describe the transformation that a person undergoes when they become a Christian?

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2. How does Colossians 1:14 reveal what Christ did for those who are saved and what do all believers now enjoy because of it?

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3. If you were called to the deathbed of a dying believer and found that they were wondering whether they had done enough to be saved, how might you use Colossians 1:14 to reassure them, and what other Scripture verses could you share with them?

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There is a difference between what enables a person to be saved (a believer's faith in Christ's finished work on the Cross) and what results when a person is saved (their obedience to God's Word). It is the difference between *f* \_ \_ \_ \_ and *r* \_ \_ \_ .

4. Based on Colossians 1:21, in what way were believers “alienated” before they were saved?

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Salvation is such a dramatic miracle it should give us pause before we assume that some “nice” unsaved person is *close* to being saved. Colossians 1:21 draws a link between between the condition of a person’s mind and their lifestyle.

5. How does Paul describe an unsaved person’s mind and their related deeds? (Colossians 1:21)

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6. What did it cost Christ to save sinners according to Colossians 1:22 — and what is then expected of the believer?

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Someone who has been genuinely saved and transformed by the Holy Spirit will continue steadfastly in their commitment to Christ - never wavering from the Gospel of grace (note Colossians 1:23).

7. Based on Colossians 1:23, write a prayer for this small group-

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*Amen.*