

## Colossians: From Enemies to Friends

Colossians 1:21-23

Humankind: an enemy of God

Theological points from the text

Declaring war on God and the peace provided  
Romans 8:28-39

### Considerations for the week

What does it mean to be beyond reproach?

***Alienated, v. 21.*** Describe how one becomes an enemy of God and what it means to be alienated from God. List some things that often move people away from the hope of the gospel.

Consider the sense in which we were each formerly enemies of God. What are the consequences of being His enemy? Describe why one needs to be reconciled with God.

***Reconciled, v. 22.*** Define the terms used to describe our new condition. How does this transformation impact our relationship with God and others?

***Persevering, v. 23.*** Our reconciliation is to be followed by our perseverance. Explain the terms used here to describe our continuance in faith. What are we to learn in this? How can we continue in the faith and remain in the hope of the gospel in our fast-paced world?

What is Christ's goal for you?

*Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.*



**... he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him ...** – Colossians 1:22, ESV

Scripture read today  
during worship:

Hebrews 13:15-16

Psalms 46

### Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at [prayer@rtbchurch.org](mailto:prayer@rtbchurch.org) to let us know how we may pray for you.

**Rice Temple Baptist Church**

## Today's order of service

Prelude, *Breathe*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn, *How Firm a Foundation*

Hymn, *The War Is Over*

Hymn, *Reckless Love*

Offertory

Reading

Special music, *Peace Be with You*

Message

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of response

*Jesus, at Your Holy Table*

Prayer for our spring break mission trip

Benediction

Postlude, *Shout to the North*

## Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm  
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm.

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational

English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am

Meets this week, March 8

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

**The church office has information on events.**

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: [office@rtbcchurch.org](mailto:office@rtbcchurch.org)

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

**CCSC food drive** ends today

**Church Conference** Today after worship at 1 pm. Lunch will be served, benefitting the youth mission trip.

**Children's Summer Camp** and **VBS**

Registration is now open on the church website, <https://rtbc.faith/>

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We will observe the **Lord's Supper** today. The bread served will be gluten-free.

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.