

Colossians

Blessed Assurance

"The Gospel's Great Guarantee"

INTRO: *Following his hymn of praise to Jesus (vv.15-20), Paul discussed the Gospel's personal application to the Colossians. Paul's was grateful for their initial reception of salvation but his concern was that they continue in the Gospel that Epaphras (1:7) shared with them.*

I. Christians have been _____ to God by the _____ (1:21-22). *Reconciliation refers to the cessation of conflict between God and Man. The Gospel is the "good news" of forgiveness of sin made possible by faith in Jesus and His sacrifice.*

II. Professing Christians defect from the _____ when they alter the _____. Editing its essential elements results in a "theological" departure from **true Christianity (the **Faith**).** *Paul expressed concern over a situation in Colossae.*

III. To guarantee _____, continue your _____ to the Gospel that _____ (1:23). *If the pure, untainted Gospel is embraced, salvation is guaranteed.*

A. The Gospel offers our *only* _____. Hope refers to the certain promise of glory by Him who cannot lie.

B. The Gospel was proclaimed by the _____. Reject any message that contradicts the message "once for all delivered to the Saints" (Jude 3).