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Jesus: He is Enough

1. Look at Colossians 1:19 and 2:9. What is the key thought here?

How does this truth impact you?

2. The word “reconcile” means to “change” or “exchange.” What does it mean when someone says that Jesus “reconciled” us to God?

3. Verse 21 speaks of us being “alienated” and “enemies.” In what ways should you consider an unbeliever to be an enemy of or alienated from God?

4. Why did Jesus have to physically die to save us?

5. Does verse 23 prove that a person can lose their salvation? Why or why not?

If not, what does the verse mean?

6. “Jesus saves!” Go around the room and think of a fresh way to say that.

7. What are things people want to add to faith in Christ for salvation?

Colossians 1:19-23 ¹⁹For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. ²¹And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²²in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and blameless and above reproach in His sight— ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

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Monday

Jesus is God. God let Jesus die to “exchange” His life for yours. What a tremendous favor! Have you taken that generous gift from His open hand? If so, when? If not, why not *now*?

Tuesday

Those who have embraced Christ can now exchange old ways for new. What worn and dirty piece of “cloth” can you exchange for something new and beautiful?

Wednesday

Consider Jesus’ death. Can you visualize the depths of the pain He undertook for you? Does this help you appreciate Him more?

Thursday

How does a greater appreciation of Jesus’ suffering and death change the way you live? Are you more thankful, more committed to serve Him? What else?

Friday

Jesus not only died, but rose again, putting death in its place. Now He lives and is actually praying for us as we deal with the struggles of life. In other words, Jesus saved us, *is* saving us, and *will* save us. Jesus saves! How does this make you feel?

Saturday

“Thank You, LORD, for saving us through Jesus! May we live in full appreciation of who You are and what You’ve done.”
