

**“Who We Once Were”**

Colossians 1:21-23

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***And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds...***

(Colossians 1:21 English Standard Version)

- “Alienated” = Enstrangment or isolation from another person or group
- “Hostile in mind” = *Echthros* = ENEMY OF, evil, pertaining to being at enmity with another
- “Doing evil deeds” = *Ponēros* = *bad, wicked, evil*

***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)

- Holy (*hagios*) = separated from sin and set apart to God
- Blameless (*amōmos*) = without blemish
- Above Reproach (*anegklētos*) = *beyond blameless*

***if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.*** (Colossians 1:23 ESV)