

# Colossians Series

## Lesson #21

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A landscape photograph showing a field of bare trees in the foreground, a dark hill in the middle ground, and a range of mountains in the background under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

# **COLOSSIANS: Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**

**Reconciliation:  
Removing the Barrier  
Colossians 1:20-21;  
Ephesians 2:11-17**

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εἰρηνοποιέω (*eirēnopoieō*), aor act participle,  
adverbial of cause or means  
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**Eph. 2:4, “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,**

**Eph. 2:5, “even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),**

**Eph. 2:6, “and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”**

**Eph. 2:10, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”**

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made by hand, artificial, material**

**Always depicts man’s efforts apart from God’s work**

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**ἀπαλλοτριόω *apallotrioo*  
perfect middle ptcp,  
completed action,  
ongoing results  
to be excluded or alienated**

**πολιτεία (*politeia*), rights of  
a citizen, commonwealth,  
state**

**Eph. 2:13, “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”**

**Eph. 2:14, “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,”**

**Eph. 2:15, “having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,**

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