

Lesson 5

Colossians 1:13-23

Day 1

KEEP IT IN PERSPECTIVE

a. In the first row explain the paragraph in only one or two sentences. Think about how you would explain it to a 10 year old child. I usually ask myself, “Who is doing what and why is he doing it?” This is usually enough to get the main point of the thought into one or two sentences.

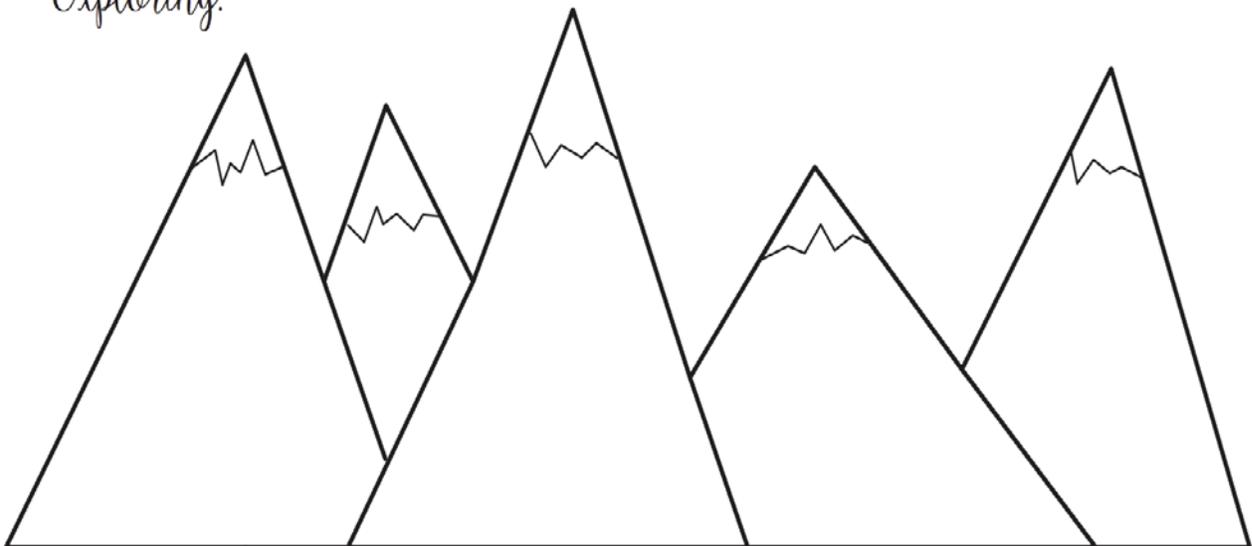
1. Fill in the boxes below with an appropriate explanation of what verses 13-23 say.

Chapter 1	Verses 1-2	Verses 3-12	Verses 13-23	Verses 24-29
Paragraph explanation	Paul greets the Colossians (Who? Paul) (Did what? Greets the Colossians)	Paul <u>thanks</u> God through prayer because of the Colossians salvation		

EXPLORING THE THEME

2. Find the Repeated Word: **ALL** throughout all four chapters of Colossians. Write down the verses where you find this word and what you learn about it.

Exploring:



Day 2

3. Colossians 1:13-23 is really about two ideas: *What God has done for us through his Son* and a *description of His Son*. From these 10 verses alone, answer the two questions below (be sure to include where you found them!).

A. The Work of Christ ... What did Christ do?

B. The Person of Christ ... What is Christ like?

4. STOP now and PRAY: Take time to **thank** God for what Christ has done and **praise** Christ for who He is.

Day 3

5. Read Colossians 1:13-23 one more time and list everything you learn about us, as believers, in this section.

6. Are there any commands for believers to follow in this section? If so, what are they?

7. What is the purpose of this whole section according to the beginning of verse 12?

8. We are going to take a little bit of time to look at the theme of **redemption**. Name the four action verbs/verb phrases that Christ did that to make our redemption possible according to Colossians 1:13, 20-22.

9. What three reasons are given as to why people need redemption according to Colossians 1:21? If you need to, look up the definition of these words, and re-write in your own words. When you look at your resource, be sure to see how it is used in Colossians. You can use <http://biblehub.com/text/colossians/1-21.htm>.

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10. After we become saved, we sometimes forget just how lost we were. We can revise some history in our minds to think we weren't really *that* bad. We might tend to judge others as well and keep clear of them because of their sin.

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 below and think about how you, yourself, fit some of these descriptions **even in seed form**, when you were a child. This can be in either thought or deed.

GROWING IN RESPECT TO SALVATION

I need redemption because...

Day 4

11. Verse 13 says, **“and transferred from the domain of darkness to the kingdom of His beloved son”**. Where were we before we entered the Kingdom of Christ? What did that citizenship look like? Find the answer in Ephesians 2:2-3 and Romans 6:16-18

Read Colossians 1:21-22, and answer the questions below:

and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, **22** yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—**23** if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

12. The definition of redemption means to *“buy back, paying a price; hence being set free.”* What specific price was paid according to Colossians 1:21-22?

13. How was it that Christ could reconcile us according to verse 20?

14. What was the extent of the peace and reconciliation according to verse 20?

15. What was the purpose of the reconciliation according to verse 22?

16. How will God meet the goal He has for believers in Christ Jesus according to verse 23?

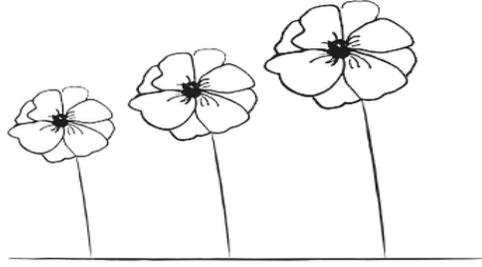
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17. True redemption is more than a soda can being returned for the original amount that was paid for it. True redemption is to buy something/someone back that didn't want to be bought back. This is illustrated in the Biblical story of Hosea with his wife, Gomer. Because it might be a difficult concept for elementary age children, I wrote a story entitled, "Tommy's Treasure."

Read Hosea (Chapters 1-3) and *Tommy's Treasure* and identify the elements of redemption from both stories. Write in the details for your own salvation story in the last column.

	Hosea	<i>Tommy's Treasure</i>	My Redemption Story
Who was the character in bondage?	Hosea 1:3		
What kind of love was shown to the person in bondage?	Hosea 1:3,1:6; 3:3 also Chapter 2		
Was this love deserved? Why/why not?			
How did the character treat the love that was given to him/her?	Hosea 2:1-7		
What was paid in order to redeem the one in bondage?	Hosea 3:1-2		

GROWING IN RESPECT TO SALVATION



18. Thankfully, God's story ends with victory. Write down the effect of 1 Corinthians 6:11b and how your daily life reflects the redemption of your soul by Jesus Christ.

19. Women Redeemed by the Blood of Christ: Make a point to share your story of redemption with someone this week. Write down the name of the person.

Moms and Grandmas of Young Children: Read this story to your child/grandchild. Have them draw a picture while you read the story.

- a. Talk about what a kind master Tommy was to his dog. Point out how Tommy loved, trained, fed and took care of his dog.
- b. Explain how Hunter rejected the kindness of his master, and what a great price the master paid to get back his rebellious dog.
- c. If your child is old enough, then tell your story of redemption and give God glory!