

Studies in
Colossians

1:21-29

Verses 21-23

- Before Christ: *alienated, hostile, evil deeds*
- After Christ: *Holy, Blameless, Beyond Reproach*
- Be careful that we do not describe those who are in Christ with the language of those who are alienated from Christ

Verses 24-29

- Paul reminds the brethren about the degree to which he had suffered to bring the gospel to Gentiles like themselves
- He rejoiced that he could suffer in the place of Jesus
- He rejoiced that his suffering had made known a great mystery
- He did so with a great enthusiasm and effort we should make our own