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Devotion for September 13th, 2021

Colossians 1:1-23

Today's reading is from Colossians 1:1-23, and the devotion is especially focused on verses 21-23.

It's rather amazing how easy it is to sin. Often times we do it without even thinking. And how simple it is for sin to alienate us from one another. The devil rejoices in his ability to separate us, to make us feel alone from both God and our fellow man. If it was up to him, we would all spend our time full of hatred both for ourselves and our neighbors.

Our Lord experienced this when He walked the earth. He saw the way sinful humans tried to be divisive: the Pharisees would have barred certain people from the temple, or even said that Jesus should not eat with prostitutes or tax collectors. Even Jesus' own disciples wanted to know who among them was to be considered the best.

The reality is we're all sinful, we all deserve not even a second glance from Jesus. But instead He regards us, He cares for us, He sacrificed Himself on the cross and was raised to new life so that we might be washed clean. And because of this wonderful gift we've been given, we then no longer need to be alienated from God or from each other. We can care for each other, have patience with others' shortcomings because we know we have our own, and love each other with that amazing love we have modeled for us in Christ Jesus.

I pray that you might be able to feel the love of Jesus in your life, and reflect it to those around you.

God's blessings,

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