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## I. Alienation vs. 21

- A. Two levels of Alienation
  - 1. Ethnicity
  - 2. Sin
- B. We were alienated by wrong thinking that lead to evil behavior

## II. Reconciliation vss. 20-22

- A. Jesus’ death on the cross was the sacrifice that accomplished reconciliation
- B. All things, including creation, have been reconciled
- C. While reconciliation has been made, it is not automatic– it must be received by faith

## III. Continuation vss. 22-23

- A. “If you continue in faith” here is not a threat that you could lose your salvation
- B. Continuation means we “stay put in faith”
- C. Faith that continues is proven to be genuine, saving faith

## IV. Glorification vs. 22

- A. Those with continuing faith have one final destination: Glory
- B. He will present us to Himself as Holy, blameless, perfect, and transformed

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