

- 1. Who is the writer and/or speaker?
- 2. When was it written and/or said?
- 3. To whom was it written and/or spoken?
- 4. What are the major natural divisions?
- 5. What is the repeated key word?
- 6. What simple sentence sums it all up?
- 7. What is an application to my life today?

Study questions for Colossians 1:13-20

(Remember to find the answers in the verses under consideration!)

V 13 In verses 13-20 the pronouns "He" or "Him" are used 15 times. It's all about HIM and not "us" who are only mentioned 2 times. <u>To whom</u> does the first "He" refer?

What was the first thing "He" did for those who chose to trust Christ?

V 14 <u>How</u> did God the Father deliver (or rescue) believers in His Son from darkness, and translate (or transfer) them to the Kingdom of His Son?

V 15 Who is this dear (or beloved) Son of God? cf. Vs 19 & 2v9

When did Jesus become "the firstborn" of every creature (all creation)? cf. Ps89v20&27 where David was NOT the *first* born in his family, 1Sam16v11. For the answer to this question, read vs17-18, Psalm 2v7, Acts 13v33 & Hebrews 1v5. Was it in eternity past, at His birth, or at His resurrection?

V 16 By (or for) whom were all things created? cf. Jn1v3, 1Cor8v6, Eph3v9 & Heb1v2.
V 17 From where does the energy come that holds (KJV "consists") all things?
V 18 Why is Christ the Head of the Church according to this verse?
V 19 What motivated God to make Himself into a man? cf. The translations of ESV, Darby
V 20 Notice that this verse is a continuation of the v19, where we learn why all of God is in Christ. What motivated God to reconcile all things to Himself? Was it because "we were worth it"?
How did He make peace possible?
With whom did He make peace? Was it just for the living after He died on the cross? cf. Ephesians 1v10 & 1 Peter 4v6.
In application of what we have just studied, who should I brag about the most this week?