A. The Price of Sin is Paid (v. 18a):
1. Christ who is completely holy allowed the evil nature of people to inflict pain upon His life.
2. Christ died for man’s willful and intentionally decisions to act against God. Man’s sins are influenced by a sinful flesh (Rom. 6:12-14) and the powerful influences of the world that is opposed to God (1 John 5:19).
3. There is no need for Christ to die again.
4. There is no sin He has not forgiven.
5. There is no need to feel guilty when we sin. The only need is to confess it (1 John 1:8-9).
7. Christ died for dishonest, untrustworthy, people whose righteousness is as filthy rags (Isa. 64:6). People who had no desire to seek God (Romans 3:11) and live according to His righteousness.
8. The blood of Christ makes us stand before God as righteous (Romans 3:22; Titus 3:4-8) this is why we are at peace with God (Ephesians 2:13-14; 17-19).

B. God is at Peace with Us (v. 18b):
1. Christ presented us to God as a person presents to someone a gift. Christ because He paid for all sin, present, past and future, placed us in the presence of God (Ephesians 2:6-10; 1 Peter 2:9-10). This is why Satan has to go before God to get to us (Revelation 12:10).
2. Christ death was a once in a life time experience.
3. God does not need another sacrifice.
5. Sin never affected Christ holiness. He was a perfect sacrifice.
6. Christ ascended to the right hand of the father (Luke 22:69) where He makes intercession for us (Hebrews 8:1-2). We are in Christ who is in God (Colossians 3:1-4).

C. Life is More than Living (v. 18c):
1. Christ life is now the new life that we must now all live in (Colossians 1:15-20).
2. Christ came for the purpose of bringing us before God so that we experience life (John 10:10).
3. His death gave us the opportunity for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17).
4. Our focus must be to live in the very power that raise Christ from the dead (Romans 8:9-17; Philippians 1:12-13; 3:7-11).
5. We must walk in the Spirit (Ephesians 5:15-18) and not in the flesh (Romans 6:12-14).