

# Reconciled

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

## RECONCILED

*Romans 5:10; Colossians 1:19-22*

- *katallássæ* – “the restoration of the favour of God to sinners” (*Thayer*)
  - to reconcile (those who are at variance)
  - return to favour with, be reconciled to one
  - to receive one into favour
- Produce harmony, return to favour, atonement (*at-one-ment*): “the state of being at one”

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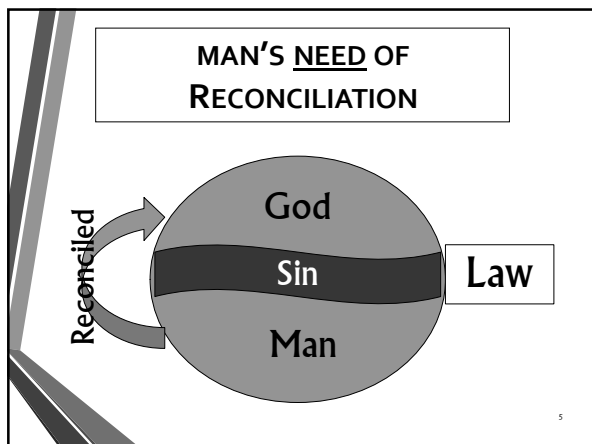
*Romans 5:10-11*

- “... *the reconciliation.*” *Romans 5:11*  
(Note Context)
- OT usage:
  - *kaphar* –
  - “To cover.” Leviticus 17:11
  - “Figuratively, to expiate or condone, to placate or cancel: appease ... cleanse, disannul ... purge, put off ... reconcile.”  
(*Strong*) Cf. Leviticus. 8:14-15

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*Romans 5:10; Colossians 1:19-22*

- “*Reconciliation*” illustrated.
  - Reconciling a bank statement.
  - Husband and wife. 1 Corinthians 7:10-11



### SIN SEPARATES MAN FROM GOD

*Isaiah 59:1-2; 1 Peter 3:12*

- It separates us from God in this life. Genesis 3:23-24
  - Man not born away from God. Ezekiel 18:20; 1 John 3:4, “*Every one that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.*”
- It separates us from God in eternity. Matthew 25:30, 41, 46
- Sin is incompatible with God. 2 Corinthians 6:14ff
  - Israel. Joshua 7:10ff; Deuteronomy 31:16-18
  - Judah. Isaiah 1:1-4; 59:1-2

## THE MEANS OF RECONCILIATION

2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Colossians 1:20-22

- God has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ.
  - God does not need reconciling to man, but He seeks to reconcile us to Himself in Christ. John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10
  - Christ "*died for all*" – Atonement is available to all, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (Fulfillment of Daniel 9:24)

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## THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

- The gospel is the message (word) of reconciliation. Ephesians 2:13, 16-18
  - Apostles given word of reconciliation. Mark 16:15 (Acts 1:8); 2 Corinthians 4:5-7, 15
  - Ambassadors who implore the world on Christ's behalf. 2 Corinthians 5:20

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## THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

- The gospel tells us what sin did to us ("*Once were..*" Colossians 1:21-22):
  - Alienated: Shut out of fellowship with God.
  - Enemies: Hostile (enmity), hating, and opposing God and man due to sin.
    - *In your mind*. Ephesians 2:3; 4:17-18
    - *By wicked works*. Ephesians 2:1-3; 4:19

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## THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

- The gospel tells us what God did to reconcile us. Romans 5:8
  - Death of His Son, Jesus. Romans 5:10
  - Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross. 1 Peter 2:24
    - Though sinless, Jesus accepted the penalty of sin (death). 2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:4-6

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## THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

- The gospel tells us what we must do to be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20
  - Believe, confess faith, and repent of sins. Romans 10:9-10; Acts 17:30
  - Be baptized. Romans 6:4-5
    - United together (harmony, reconciliation)
  - Continue in the faith. Colossians 1:23

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## THE MOMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 (17); Romans 5:11

- Urgency of the plea. 2 Corinthians 5:20
  - By delay you remain alienated from God and lost in your sin.
  - Today: Hear His voice. Hebrews 3:7-8
- Obtained when the blood of Christ is applied to our sins. Romans 5:10; 6:3

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**THE MOMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
*2 Corinthians 5:20-21 (17); Romans 5:11*

- Reconciliation is in Christ.  
2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 3:26-27
- Motivation for the sinner's response.  
2 Corinthians 5:21
  - What Jesus did. 1 Peter 3:18, "*the righteous for the unrighteous...*"
  - What we may become. Ephesians 4:23-24

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**RECONCILIATION**  
Brought into God's Favor

- Remain in sin – Remain alienated from God
- God took the initiative to reconcile the world to Himself – He sent His Son to die for the sins of the world. 1 John 2:2
- God pleads with you – Christ's ambassadors beg you: Be reconciled to God! 2 Corinthians 5:20

➤ **The choice is yours!**

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