

# RECONCILIATION OF SINFUL MAN TO HOLY GOD

(something has to change)

**KEY PASSAGE: 2 COR 5:19-21**

## ❖ What Needs Changed?

- Man is sinful before God. **Rom 3:23**
- Man is hostile toward God. **Col 1:21**
- Man is an enemy to God. **Rom 5:10**
- Man is separated from God. **Is 59:2**
- Man is spiritually dead. **Eph 2:1**
- Man is under control of the prince of the world. **Eph 2:2**
- Man is under the wrath of God. **Eph 2:3**

## ❖ What is the Standard?

- God is Holy and Righteous. **Isaiah 57:15**
- God is Immutable **Malachi 3:6**

## ❖ How is Reconciliation Possible?

- Only through Jesus Christ. **2 Cor 5:18; Heb 7:26**
- Only through the death of Jesus Christ. **Rom 5:10**
- Only through the Cross of Jesus Christ **Eph 2:16**
- Only through the blood of Jesus Christ. **Col 1:20**
- Only through the identification of Jesus Christ with sinners. **2 Cor 5:21**
  - ◆ “The Great Exchange”

## ❖ How Does Man Become Reconciled?

- Personally **2 Cor 5:20**
- Admit—his need for a Savior for his sin
- Repent—turn from trusting self to trusting Christ
- Confess—Christ’s Lordship in His death, burial and resurrection **Rom 10:9, 10**
- Trust—the free gift of God’s grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone **John 1:12**

All that separated sinful man from holy God has changed for those reconciled. Jesus Christ exchanged His righteousness for me so that I have fulfilled the standard of righteousness to have a right relationship with God. He removed all obstacles that created the conflict by taking my sin upon Himself and the just penalty for my sin. This is why those in Christ are eternally forgiven of all sins. A supernatural exchange has taken place. It is the basis for a disciple of Jesus to forgive others.

❖ **My Response**

- Become reconciled to God. **2 Cor 5:20**
- Become an ambassador of reconciliation. **2 Cor 5:20**
- Become reconciled to others.
  - ◆ When you have offended a brother...go to him. **Matt 5:23-24**
  - ◆ When a brother has offended you...go to him. **Matt 18:15**
  - ◆ Signs of genuine forgiveness (from *Peacemaker Ministries*)
    - I will not dwell on this incident.
    - I will not bring this incident up again to use it against you.
    - I will not talk to others about this incident.
    - I will not allow this incident to stand between us or hinder our relationship.

**QUIET TIMES on the Theme of RECONCILIATION**

**READ** Passage: **Isaiah 43:25; 1 John 2:1**

**Date:**

**RECORD** what God says with regard to the theme?

**REFLECT** on how I this will affect my life today?

**READ** Passage: **Romans 5:10; Col 1:20**

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