Study # 18B

Reconciliation

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Beginning this study on **Reconciliation**, the first thing that should be said about it is that it is one of the key factors that take place when someone is Born Again. Many Christians do not know and have not been taught these very important truths that took place when they were saved. For example; things such as Justification, Redemption, Propitiation, Remission, Expiation, Imputation, Regeneration, Spiritual circumcision, Adoption, Sanctification, and Glorification were all part of a person’s salvation when he was **reconciled** to God at salvation. One should understand that **reconciliation** and all of the other aforementioned truths are the difference of whether a person goes to Heaven or goes to Hell. So, as you can see, this is not a truth to be taken lightly as if it doesn’t really matter if one is **reconciled** to God or not. ***2 Corinthians 5:20***. Because it does matter! There are many different scenarios in the world among humans as to how one can be **reconciled** to God. All men wonder and search for a way that they can make themselves pleasing before their god, whoever he may be. We should be honest enough within ourselves to realize that if men are by nature searching for a way to end up pleasing and **reconciled** to their god, then, they must also believe within themselves that they are in a state of separation, outcast, and displeasing to their god. One can go to any of the most remote civilizations on the earth and find that men have devised and found some way to content themselves that their god is not mad at them and has accepted them. This is why the so-called Atheist and god-haters of the day deny the existence of a god. No god, no accountability to a god. No **reconciliation** necessary. This of course does not change the Scriptural truth that they are without excuse. ***Romans 1:18-20***. But, they of course pretend that they are. Surprises are on the horizon. And then there are those that will say that a real god would not separate himself from his subjects, and convince themselves that all will be well in the end for everyone. “I’m alright, your alright, were all alright, ta,dah,ta,dah,ta,dah!” Surprise is on the horizon. Question! By looking around in society today, does it appear that God and man are **reconciled**? We, as people living amongst one another can tell if we are in good standing with one another, and when we are not, we know **reconciliation** is needed. Question! Looking out at man and his standing with God (if God exists), (psst! He does), does man know **reconciliation** is needed? Let’s look into the Scriptures and study what **reconciliation** is, and what it means, and when and if it is necessary and why.

**Reconciliation** is mentioned and actually written in God’s word, one of four different ways to include; **Reconcile**, **Reconciled**, **Reconciliation** and **Reconciling**. It shows up in 23 different passages, 9 times in the Old Testament and 14 times in the New Testament in one of these forms. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself and the Apostle Paul used the word in one of the forms in their words we have written to us. Question! What do you think **reconciliation** means in the Scriptures and to God? Let’s study.

Defining **Reconciliation** with Scriptural Illustration

1. **The act of reconciling parties at variance; renewal of friendship after disagreement or enmity.**

“And no sin offering, whereof any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation *to* ***reconcile*** *withal in the holy place*, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.” ***Leviticus 6:30***

“And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: *for wherewith should he* ***reconcile*** *himself unto his master*? should it not be with the heads of these men?” ***1 Samuel 29:4***

“Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD. And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of the LORD. So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar. And they brought forth the he goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them: *And the priests killed them, and they made* ***reconciliation*** *with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel*: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel.” ***2 Chronicles 29:20-24***

“And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings*, to make* ***reconciliation*** *for them, saith the Lord GOD*. All the people of the land shall give this oblation for the prince in Israel. And it shall be the prince’s part to give burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, *to make* ***reconciliation*** *for the house of Israel*.” ***Ezekiel 45:15-17***

“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make *an end of sins*, and to make **reconciliation** *for iniquity*, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.” ***Daniel 9:24***

“Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; *first be* ***reconciled*** *to thy brother*, and then come and offer thy gift.” ***Matthew 5:23-24***

1. **The means by which sinners are reconciled and brought into a state of favor with God from natural estrangement and enmity.**

“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, *when we were enemies*, *we were* ***reconciled*** *to God by the death of his Son, much more, being* ***reconciled****, we shall be saved by his life*. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, *by whom we have now received the atonement*.” ***Romans 5:6-11***

“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart. For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause. For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, *who hath* ***reconciled*** *us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of* ***reconciliation***; To wit, *that God was in Christ,* ***reconciling*** *the world unto himself*, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and *hath committed unto us the word of* ***reconciliation***. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: *we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye* ***reconciled*** *to God*. *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him*.” ***2 Corinthians 5:11-21***

“For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, *having made peace through the blood of his cross*, *by him to* ***reconcile*** *all things unto himself*; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, *yet now hath he* ***reconciled*** *In the body of his flesh through death*, *to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight*:” ***Colossians 1:19-22***

“For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death *he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage*. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, *to make* ***reconciliation*** *for the sins of the people*. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.” ***Hebrews 2:10-18***

1. **Agreement of things seemingly opposite, different or inconsistent.**

“For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them *be the* ***reconciling*** *of the world*, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be graffed in: for God is able to graff them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert graffed contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be graffed into their own olive tree?” ***Romans 11:13-24***

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; *That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ*. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; *And that he might* ***reconcile*** *both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby*: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. *For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father*. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” ***Ephesians 2:10-22***

1. **The reestablishing of cordial relations.**

“Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. *Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency*. But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment. For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn. And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: *But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried or be* ***reconciled*** *to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife*. But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife? But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.” ***1 Corinthians 7:1-17***

1. **Getting two things to correspond.**

“And he slew it; and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, *and purified the altar*, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, *and sanctified it*, *to make* ***reconciliation*** *upon it*.” ***Leviticus 8:15***

“And when he hath made an *end of* ***reconciling*** *the holy place*, and *the tabernacle* of the congregation, and *the altar*, he shall bring the live goat:” ***Leviticus 16:20***

“And so thou shalt do the seventh day of the month for every one that erreth, and for him

that is simple: *so shall ye* ***reconcile*** *the house*.” ***Ezekiel 45:20***

First things First

Before moving on in our study it is vitally important (as previously stated) for you to understand that no “state” of **reconciliation** can exist unless there is first a “state” of estrangement, alienation, feud, and incompatibility present. In other words, you cannot be **reconciled** to something or someone unless you are first *in need of* being **reconciled**. This is a place where man struggles and many have perished (gone to Hell) because of. The inability or unwillingness to accept not only what you have done and who you have offended, but “WHAT YOU ARE!” Dogs do not bark *to become* dogs. Cats do not meow *to become* cats. They do it because that is ‘*what they are’*. Men do not sin to become sinners, (get this now) men sin because ‘*they are sinners*.” You see the difference? It is not what you have done that initially needs **reconciling**, it is *what you are*! *Your “state*.” Your “state” (condition, the circumstances of your being) needs **reconciling** to God. The problem with this is that most people are never going to admit that they are no good and cannot help themselves; or deny believing that there is at least a small amount of good in them to get God’s favor. But the truth is;

“As it is written, There is NONE righteous, NO, NOT ONE:” ***Romans 3:10***

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: *for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified*.” ***Galatians 2:16***

Hard to swallow? But this is what God and His word says. No other way, except to understand that you cannot **reconcile** yourself to God. God has to do it for you. He has; Through the Lord Jesus Christ’s death, burial and resurrection. (The Gospel of the Grace of God)

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” ***Romans 5:8***

“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, *God sending his own Son* in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:” ***Romans 8:3***

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” ***John 3:16***

The initial step in any kind of **reconciliation** with God is believing on His Son and confessing Him unto salvation. This is what begins the whole process of **reconciliation** in this dispensation we now live in.

“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That *if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus*, and *shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead****, thou shalt be saved***. (***reconciled***) For *with the heart man believeth* unto righteousness; and *with the mouth confession is made* ***unto salvation***. (***reconciliation***) For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. ***For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved***.” (***reconciled***) ***Romans 10:8-13***

This is an offer from the Lord to mankind, a New Covenant. God knows and knew that you cannot **reconcile** yourself to Him. He put together this plan of **reconciliation** and all that will come to Him the way He has said, (through His Son) can and will be **reconciled** to Him forever. Any other way has failed and will fail. The Lord left it a choice for every man’s own will whether to come or not to come. Some do, many do not.

“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; ***and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out***. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And **this is the Father’s will** which hath sent me, ***that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing***, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, ***that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life***: and I will raise him up at the last day.” ***John 6:35-40***

All who will be **reconciled** have to come to God through Jesus Christ in order to get God to **reconcile** them back to Him. And the Lord says all that come “…shall be saved.” So, you see how **reconciliation** works. For a lost man, (one who rejects the gospel and Jesus Christ) concerning his “state;” there is never any kind of **reconciliation** to or from God. He lives out his life in the body and dies the enemy of God (not **reconciled**) and goes to Hell. On the other hand, one that hears the gospel and believes and confesses Christ and trusts Him to save him is “born again.” His “state” changes from a lost man’s to a saved man’s “state,” (big difference) and he is accepted to and by God into His family and completely “**reconciled**.” In the New Testament, a believer is completely reconciled to God and back in His favor and cannot be estranged from Him ever again. Christ’s Blood covers someone forever. His sins (because of Christ) are forgiven and “taken away.” This is not the same in the Old Testament setting. In the Old Testament under the Law and before the Law someone was either righteous or wicked; whichever one of these two states someone died in, this would be his judgment. A wicked man went to Hell and a righteous man went to Paradise. (***Luke 16***) Paradise was a place that God had prepared that was across a gulf from Hell. The ones that died in a righteous state went there. The reason they went there instead of Heaven (where the New Testament saint now goes) is because of **reconciliation** and how it worked in the Old Testament. In the Old Testament when a man repented and turned toward God and done the things that were right in His sight, God forgave that man. The problem was that God could forgive the man as long as he remained righteous, but God could not yet “take away” the man’s sins, because there was nothing to pay the payment to do such a thing. The sins were forgiven, but they were still on the books and had to be dealt with. This is why people in the Old Testament went to Paradise instead of all the way to Heaven to be with the Lord. God could not and would not allow them there with their sins still being around. So they went to Paradise to wait until the Lord Jesus came to make the payment necessary to not only forgive sins but to “take them away”. This is why the Lord after His death, during the three nights and three days in the tomb went to Paradise and got all the righteous and took them to Heaven. Now, all that die in Christ go directly to Heaven. This is what **reconciliation** is all about fundamentally. Another avenue how **reconciliation** works, is strictly with a New Testament saint and his Heavenly Father and their relationship as Father and sons. This type of **reconciliation** has absolutely nothing to do with Heaven and Hell. It is a family relationship of obedience and disobedience and **reconciliation** of fellowship. ***1 John 1:9***

**Lets pause just a minute**. Are you saved? Are you ‘**reconciled** to God?’ You either are or you are not. If you are, then continue on in our study. But if you are not or are not sure, get it settled. At the very end of this study is placed some scripture (the Gospel) from Gods word that will show you exactly how to accept Christ as your Saviour and be born again. If you are not sure, and many are not, STOP and go there **right now** and read the Scripture and be saved, please. This is all that matters to you if you are not saved. Take care of this first. If you have come this far in this study, then you are sincere in your quest to know about being **reconciled** to God. It begins with Christ. Go and read, and be saved. Please!

“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, *be ye* ***reconciled*** *to God*. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. ***2 Corinthians 5:20-21***

Okay, now that we understand what our “state” is, was, and can be and how to get that corrected with the Lord, we can move on and see some things about **reconciliation**. Let’s do!

The condition of man before he is **reconciled**

1. **He is helpless and without strength**

“For when we were yet w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.” ***Romans 5:6***

1. **He is a sinner**

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, w \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ w \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, Christ died for us.” ***Romans 5:8***

1. **He is a enemy of God**

“For if, w \_ \_ \_ w \_ w \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, we were **reconciled** to God by the death of his Son, much more, being **reconciled**, we shall be saved by his life.” ***Romans 5:10***

1. **He is hostile, indifferent and a God-hater**

“And you, t \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ y \_ \_ \_

m \_ \_ \_ by wicked works, yet now hath he **reconciled**.” ***Colossians 1:21***

How **reconciliation** is accomplished

1. **By God being in Christ**

“And all things are of God, who hath **reconciled** us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of **reconciliation**; To wit, t \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ w \_ \_ i \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, **reconciling** the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of **reconciliation**.” ***2 Corinthians 5:18-19***

1. **By the death of Jesus Christ, God’s Son**

“For if, when we were enemies, we were**reconciled** to God b \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_

S \_ \_, much more, being **reconciled**, we shall be saved by his life.” ***Romans 5:10***

1. **By the Blood of Christ Jesus**

“But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off a \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ b \_ t \_ \_

b \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Ephesians 2:13***

1. **By the word of God**

“To wit, that God was in Christ, **reconciling** the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ o \_

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“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, b \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ o \_

G \_ \_, which liveth and abideth for ever.” ***1 Peter 1:23***

“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ I

s \_ \_ \_ \_ unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” ***John 6:63***

The benefits of being **reconciled** to God

1. **One now has peace with God**

‘Therefore being justified by faith, w \_ h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ through our Lord Jesus Christ:” ***Romans 5:1***

“Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, s \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_;” ***Ephesians 2:15***

1. **One now has access to God**

“By whom also w \_ h \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” ***Romans 5:2***

“For through him we both h \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ o \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ the Father.” ***Ephesians 2:18***

1. **One (whether Jew or Gentile) is no longer under the curse of the Law**

“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for y \_ a \_ \_ n \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ l \_ \_, but

u \_ \_ \_ \_ grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are n \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ l \_ \_, but

u \_ \_ \_ \_ grace? God forbid.” ***Romans 6:14-15***

“For h \_ i \_ o \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_, who hath made both one, and hath b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ the middle wall of partition between us; Having a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in his flesh the enmity,

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1. **One is no longer under God’s wrath and damnation**

“He that believeth and is baptized s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” ***Mark 16:16***

“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, w \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_

w \_ \_ \_ \_ through him.” ***Romans 5:9***

“And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus,

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“And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And

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c \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ o \_ f \_ \_ \_.” ***Revelation 20:13-15***

1. **Ones reconciliation to God can never be undone**

“Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, b \_ w \_ \_ \_ m \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ I a \_; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.” ***John 17:24***

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n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, or p \_ \_ \_ \_, or s \_ \_ \_ \_? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ we are m \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature,

s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ a \_ \_ \_ t \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ f \_ \_ \_ the love of God,

which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” ***Romans 8:35-39***

Some warnings concerning **reconciliation**

1. **Reconciliation is a privilege and a gift, not a right**

“Therefore w \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ g \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ h \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; H \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, i \_ w \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;” ***Hebrews 2:1-3***

“S \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ y \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ h \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more s \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ w \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, if w \_ t \_ \_ \_

a \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_:” ***Hebrews 12:25***

1. **Being reconciled to God, now you are a child of God, and God is now you’re Heavenly Father, literally. He takes His Fatherhood seriously**

“T \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.” ***Deuteronomy 8:5***

“My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

F\_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.” ***Proverbs 3:11-12***

“And ye have forgotten the exhortation w \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ a \_ u \_ \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth h \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, G \_ \_

d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof a \_ \_ a \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: s \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ n \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ i \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, a \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but h \_ f \_ \_ o \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; A \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_

f \_ \_ \_, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.” ***Hebrews 12:5-13***

“If w \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ our sins, he is faithful and just to f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ our sins, and to

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ from all unrighteousness.”***1 John 1:9***

1. **God does not negotiate reconciliation with anyone after death**

“They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; None of them c \_ \_ b \_ a \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, n \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ t \_

G \_ \_ a r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ h \_ \_: (For t \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ i \_

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and it ceaseth for ever:) That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.” ***Psalms 49:6-9***

“Jesus saith unto him, I a \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_, the truth, and the life: n \_ m \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto the Father, b \_ \_ b \_ m \_.” ***John 14:6***

“B \_ i \_ k \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ therefore, men and brethren, that t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_

m \_ \_ is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And b \_ h \_ \_ all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, lest t \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_, which is spoken of in the prophets; Behold, ye d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.” ***Acts 13:38-41***

“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: w \_

p \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ in Christ’s stead, b \_ y \_ **r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_** t \_ G \_ \_. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” ***2 Corinthians 5:20-21***

“We then, as workers together with him, b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ y \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ i \_ v \_ \_ \_. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, n \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_; behold, n \_ \_ i \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ o \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.)” ***2 Corinthians 6:1-2***

“Wherefore (a \_ t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_, T \_ d \_ \_ i \_ y \_ w \_ \_ \_ hear his voice, H \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) T \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_, b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, l \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ i \_ a \_ \_ o \_ y \_ \_ a \_ e \_ \_ \_

h \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, in d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; l \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ o \_ y \_ \_ b \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;” ***Hebrews 3:7-14***

“For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as

i \_ i \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ t \_ d \_ \_, but a \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_

j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” ***Hebrews 9:26-28***

A few facts about **reconciliation** to end with

* **Reconciliation** is one of the many things that took place at the New Birth of a child of God.
* **Reconciliation** had to be accomplished in God’s court room of Holy Justice just as importantly as it was with His mercy and Grace for the believer.
* **Reconciliation** was God’s Plan to offer to man, not man to offer to God.
* **Reconciliation** was bought by a Price, and God Himself paid for it.
* No man can offer any kind of deal to God to **reconcile** with Him concerning sin and his soul except it come through His Son Jesus Christ with His Death, Burial and Resurrection. All other offers and attempts will be rejected and denied with disdain.
* **Reconciliation** in the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Tribulation, and the Millennium are not the same.
* God has made **Reconciliation** to Him so easy that even a child can understand and receive it.
* The need for man’s **reconciliation** back to God began in Genesis 3 and the plan for its restoration did also.

This concludes our study on **Reconciliation**. Thank you for your love and faithfulness to God and His word being real enough to actually study and honor the Lord. The Lord bless you and yours. Brother Thurman.

**Reconciliation** and friendship with God, really form the basis of all rational and true enjoyment. ~PSR~

Dear Friend, If you will trust God’s word and Believe on His Son Jesus Christ,

GOD PROMISES to give you Eternal life right now. Do you think you could

believe God enough to trust His word? He say’s if you will, you WILL go to

Heaven when you leave that body you're living in. (die).

Here’s how!

**1**. Admit in your heart to God that you are a sinner.

**“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”**

***Romans 3:23***

**2**. Understand and believe that there is a penalty for your sin.

**“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.”** ***Romans 6:23***

**3**. Understand that if you get what you deserve, God will put you in the Lake of

Fire, and this, is not what God wants.

**“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and**

**whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their**

**part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: Which is the second**

**death.”** ***Revelation 21:8***

**“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness;**

**but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that**

**all should come to repentance.”** ***2 Peter 3:9***

**4**. Believe that Jesus Christ, God’s Son died for you on purpose.

**“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners,**

**Christ died for us.”** ***Romans 5:8***

**5**. Pray to God. Confess Jesus Christ by faith. Call upon Him to save you.

**“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe**

**in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”**

***Romans 10:9***

If you believed God’s word above and you prayed to Him, and ask Him to save

you, HE DID WHAT HE PROMISED HE WOULD DO. HE SAVED YOU!

FOREVER! It was that simple. That is what God’s word SAY’S.

Congratulations, you are now a Christian in the family of God.

**“For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.”**

***Romans 10:11***

**“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”**

***Romans 10:13***