

RECONCILIATION

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

A. THE BELIEVER RECONCILED TO GOD

1. Is a New Creation
 - “If anyone is in Christ” vs 17 – In Contrast to their former position –
 - “In Adam” Rom 5:11-21
2. “the old things are therefore passed away”
3. The New Believer in Christ has an entirely New Position
4. He belongs to the New Creation – “Second Adam” instead of the First Adam

B. THE PROCESS

1. God has reconciled the believer to Himself
 - “all these things are from God”
2. Something God has done for men; not some human activity
 - i.e. God is the subject
 - Man is the object
 - Christ is the means
3. By the act of imputation God does not impute man’s sins to them but instead imputed their sin to Christ

C. WORLD (KOSMOS) SOMETHING MORE THAN BELIEVERS ONLY

1. Christ in His death, made provision for the Entire World
 - He provided reconciliation for All
 - Because of this provision, we present a “whosoever” gospel, i.e. God has already provided reconciliation for all, but it is effective only when received by believing: Provision – and - Application
2. Those who are already reconciled to God are the Ambassadors through whom this message is delivered to those who have not yet availed themselves of the mercy of God.
 - i.e. The recipient of this message of reconciliation must accept the reconciliation.
3. “All” 2Cor 5:14-15 Context – All equals World

RECONCILIATION continued...

SUMMARY CONCLUSION

1. Christ, by His death, redeemed or paid the price for sin; a satisfaction of God's righteousness
2. This freed the love of God to act in grace toward the sinner in reconciling the sinner to Himself on the basis that Christ has died in his place.
3. The believer who comes into the position of being in Christ through faith and through the baptism of the Holy Spirit (1Cor 12:13) thus is reconciled to God because God sees him in Christ
4. The whole act of reconciliation, therefore, is an act of God, a free gift to man, provided for all men, effective to those who believe.
5. Those once estranged in Adam are now reconciled in Christ.

ROMANS 5:6-11

While we were: helpless
 ungodly
 sinners
 enemies

we were reconciled to God

Christ died; Christ died; through the death of His Son

EPHESIANS 2:15-16

COLOSSIANS 1:20-22

Reconciliation involves more than sinful man

"reconcile all things" Rom 8:19-22