

## Reconciled

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

## RECONCILED

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

- *katallássœ* –“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”

## RECONCILED

*Romans 5:10-11*

- *“... the reconciliation.” Romans 5:11*  
(Note Context)

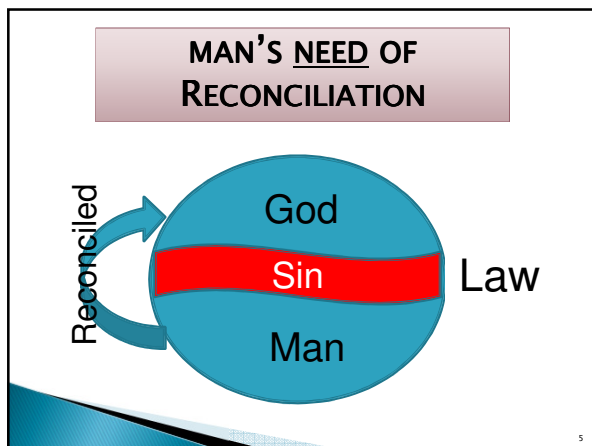
O.T. usage.

- *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

## RECONCILED

*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”; James 4:17
- **It separates us from God in eternity.**  
Matthew 25:30, 41, 46
- **Sin is incompatible with God.** 2 Corinthians 6:14ff
  - Israel. Josh. 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 to 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 delaying you remain alienated from God and are 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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