



“Reconciliation: A Life-Changing Word”

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I. What is Reconciliation? (v.19-22a)

- In justification, the sinner stands before God guilty and condemned, but is declared righteous (Romans 8:33).
- In redemption, the sinner stands before God as a slave, but is granted freedom (Romans 6:18-22).
- In forgiveness, the sinner stands before God as a debtor, but the debt is paid and forgotten (Ephesians 1:7).
- In adoption, the sinner stands before God as a stranger, but is made a son (Ephesians 1:5).
- In reconciliation, the sinner stands before God as an **ENEMY**, but becomes His **FRIEND**. (2 Cor.5:18-20)

Alienated / Apallotrio = “to be estranged, cut off, or separated.”

Reconciled / Apokatalasso = “to be thoroughly, completely and totally changed or exchanged from one position to another.”

II. Why is Reconciliation Important? (v.22b; 1:10)

God’s ultimate goal in reconciliation is not just to keep us out of Hell, it’s to make us **HOLY!**

Sermon Notes (continued)

III. How does Reconciliation Apply to my Life Today? (v.23)

- A. **BELIEVE** it
- B. **LIVE** it (v.23a)
- C. **SHARE** it (v.23b; 2 Cor. 5:14-21)

My Next Steps:

- From this day forward, when the Devil reminds me of my past, I will remember who I am in Christ.
- This week I will seek to honor Christ through my words, actions, and attitudes.
- This week I will seek to tell 2 people about the love of Christ and how they too can be reconciled back to God.
- I will pray for Steffan Kahl and the work in Lauchhau, Germany, for the next 15 days.
- Other: _____