

## Reconciliation

### Lesson #32

1. Biblical reconciliation means TO CAUSE, or EFFECT a thorough CHANGE in man, thereby RESTORING TO FELLOWSHIP with God through FAITH in Christ.
2. What did the death of Christ accomplish?
  - a. The potential for the salvation of THE WHOLE WORLD. John 3:16
  - b. It provided REDEMPTION. 1 Timothy 2:6; Romans 3:24; Ephesians 1:7
  - c. The death of Christ provided RECONCILIATION with God. 2 Cor. 5:19
  - d. The death of Christ provided PROPITIATION. 1 John 2:2
3. We need to be RECONCILED to God because IN OUR UNREDEEMED STATE the Bible pictures us as the ENEMY of God. Romans 5:10; Ephesians 2:12 & 19
4. When two people are involved in a SEVERED RELATIONSHIP it usually demands a COMPROMISE. The parties are brought back together by each one GIVING IN to meet the other halfway.
5. In reconciliation between God and man it is His work ALONE. Man has NO PART in it. 2 Cor. 5:19
6. Man NEEDS TO BE reconciled to God because his fellowship was BROKEN and lost in Adam. Reconciliation comes as we are restored IN CHRIST. Rom. 5:10 & 11; Colossians 1:21 and 22
7. The OBJECT of reconciliation is MAN. Ephesians 2:13
8. The MEANS of reconciliation is THE CROSS. Romans 5:10
9. The SCOPE of reconciliation is the WHOLE WORLD. Colossians 1:20
10. The finished work of Christ PROVIDED PROPITIATION for the world. 1 John 2:2
11. The word propitiation means SATISFACTION. The death of Christ SATISFIED the JUST DEMANDS of God's holy judgment of sin. 1 John 4:10 and Rom. 3:25
12. Summary: The JUSTICE of God had to be SATISFIED for Him to forgive sin. God is SATISFIED and man is RECONCILED to Him.
13. As believers God has now given you the MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION. 2 Cor. 5:18 and 19

14. As ministers of reconciliation we are now AMBASSADORS for Christ. AUTHORIZED MESSENGERS of the gospel. 2 Corinthians 5:20

### Conclusion

The character of God's ministry today is simply that all of us who are Christians are ambassadors for Christ. Our obligation is to tell the lost to "be ye reconciled to God." God uses human instrumentality to win the unsaved. The Scripture includes all Christians -- "Now, then, we are ambassadors for Christ ..." It does not mean that ambassadors are "honorary"; it means a present active duty for every Christian.

To witness to a person is a joy, a blessing. You should tell how you were "once alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now has He reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy (set apart) and unblamable and unreprouvable in His sight, if we continue in the faith grounded and settled..." (Colossians 1:21-23).

In reconciliation the lost person is restored to the position God intended. Reconciliation is unlimited -- it is for all who will believe.

This is another "Great Truth" of the Bible.