

Reconciled

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

RECONCILED

Rom. 5:10; Col. 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 favor, atonement (*at-one-ment*); ∴
“the state of being at one”

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Rom. 5:10-11

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

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- *Kaphar* —

- “To cover.” Lev. 17:11

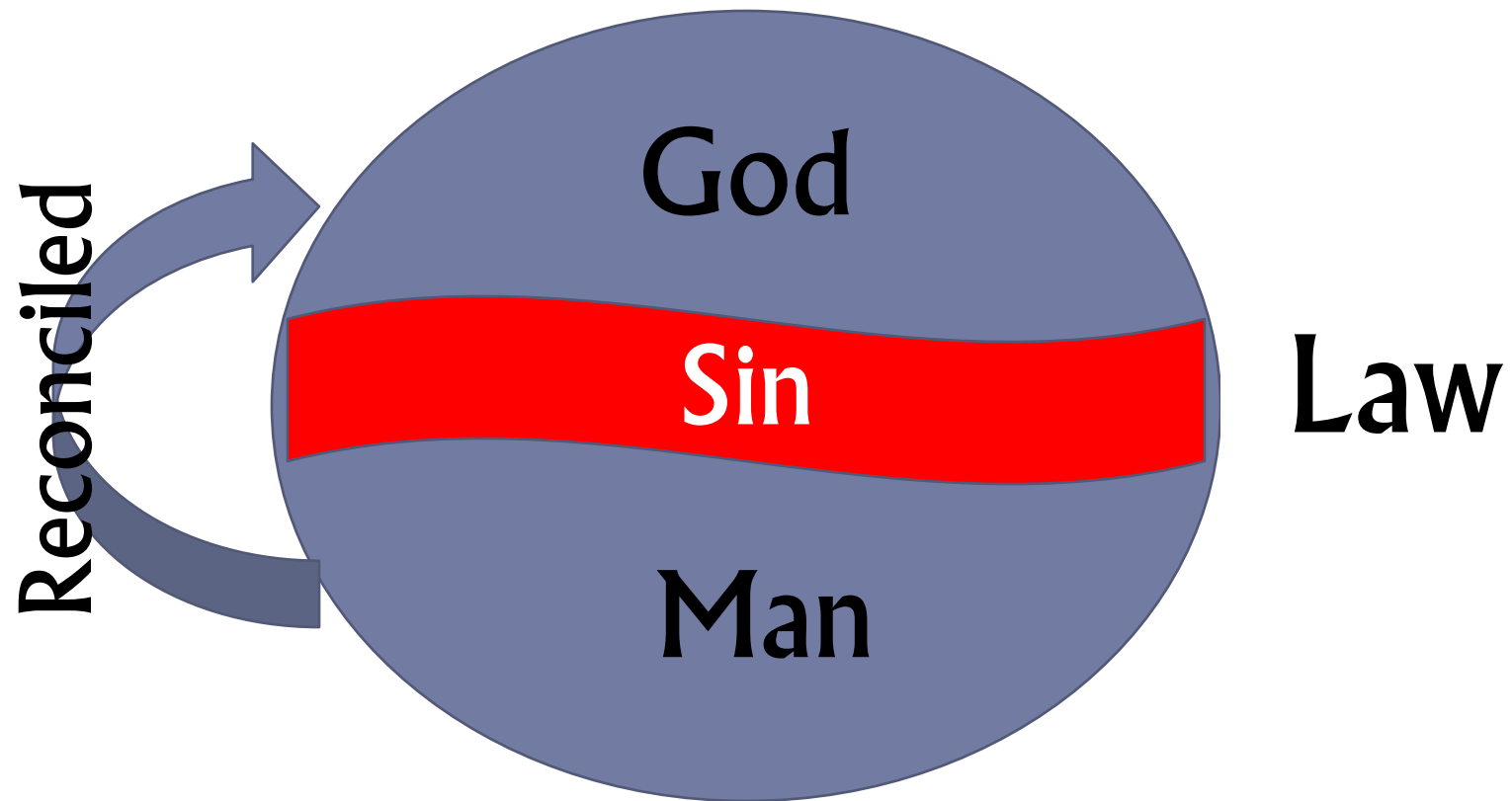
- “Figuratively, to expiate or condone, to placate or cancel: appease...cleanse, disannul...purge, put off...reconcile.” (*Strong*)
cf. Lev. 8:14-15

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Rom. 5:10; Col. 1:19-22

- ***“Reconciliation”*** illustrated.
- Reconciling a bank statement.
- Husband and wife. 1 Cor. 7:10-11

MAN'S NEED OF RECONCILIATION



SIN SEPARATES MAN FROM GOD *Isa. 59:1-2; 1 Pet. 3:12*

- **It separates us from God in this life.** Gen. 3:23-24
 - Man not born away from God. Ezek. 18:20;
1 Jno. 3:4 "Every one that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness."
- **It separates us from God in eternity.** Mt. 25:30, 41, 46
- **Sin is incompatible with God.** 2 Cor. 6:14ff
 - Israel. Josh. 7:10ff; Deut. 31:17-18
 - Judah. Isa. 1:1-4; 59:1-2

THE MEANS OF RECONCILIATION

2 Cor. 5:18-19; Col. 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. Jno. 3:16;
1 Jno. 4:9-10
- Christ *“died for all”*-- Atonement is available to all,
2 Cor. 5:14-15 (Fulfillment of Daniel 9:24)

THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

2 Cor. 5:18-20

- The gospel is the message (word) of reconciliation. Eph. 2:13, 16-18
 - Apostles given word of reconciliation. Mk. 16:15 (Acts 1:8); 2 Cor. 4:5-7, 15
 - Ambassadors who implore the world on Christ's behalf. 2 Cor. 5:20

THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

2 Cor. 5:18-20

- The gospel tells us what sin did to us (“Once were..” Col. 1:21; Eph. 2:11ff):
 - Alienated: Shut out of fellowship with God.
 - Enemies: Hostile (enmity), hating and opposing God and man due to sin.
 - *In your mind.* Eph. 2:3; 4:17-18
 - *By wicked works.* Eph. 2:1-3; 4:19

THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

2 Cor. 5:18-20

➤ The gospel tells us what God did to reconcile us.

Rom. 5:8

➤ Death of His Son, Jesus. Rom. 5:10

➤ Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross.

1 Pet. 2:24

➤ Though sinless, Jesus accepted the penalty of sin (death).

2 Cor. 5:21; Isa. 53:4-6

THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

2 Cor. 5:18-20

- The gospel tells us what to do to be reconciled to God. 2 Cor. 5:20
 - Believe, confess faith and repent of sins.
Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 17:30
 - Be baptized. Rom. 6:4-5
 - United together (harmony, reconciliation)
 - Continue in the faith. Col. 1:23

THE MOMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2 Cor. 5:20-21 (17); Rom. 5:11

- **Urgency of the plea.** 2 Cor. 5:20
 - By delay you remain alienated from God and lost in your sin.
 - Today: Hear His voice. Heb. 3:7-8
- **Obtained when the blood of Christ is applied to our sins.** Rom. 5:10; 6:3

THE MOMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2 Cor. 5:20-21 (17); Rom. 5:11

- **Reconciliation is in Christ.** 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 3:26-27
- **Motivation for the sinner's response.** 2 Cor. 5:21
 - What Jesus did. *1 Pet. 3:18 "the righteous for the unrighteous..."*
 - What we may become. Eph. 4:23-24

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 Jno. 2:2**
- **God pleads with you – Christ's ambassadors beg you: Be reconciled to God! 2 Cor. 5:20**