



RECONCILED

Romans 5:10; Colossians 1:19-22

- *katallássæ* – “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”

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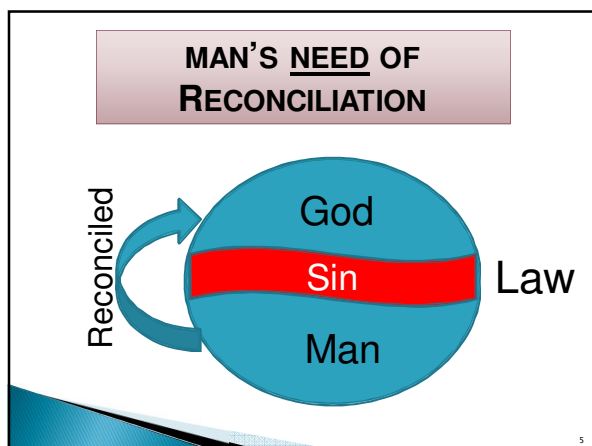
Romans 5:10-11

- “... 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

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- ▶ “**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.”
- ▶ It separates us from God in eternity. Matthew 25:30-34, 41, 46
- ▶ Sin is incompatible with God. 2 Corinthians 6:14-17
 - Israel. Joshua 7:10ff; Deut. 31:17-18
 - 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: 3:3-7
 - 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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2 Corinthians 5:18-20

- The gospel tells us **what sin did to us** (“*Once were ...*” Colossians 1:21):
 - **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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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 delay you remain alienated from God and 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

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