



Reconciliation

Reconciliation: We are no longer _____.

“Propitiation places in the focus of attention the wrath of God and the divine provision for the removal of that wrath. Reconciliation places in the focus of attention our alienation from God and the divine method of restoring us to his favor.” (John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*)

Why do we need to be reconciled?

- We have _____ away from God to follow the world, our flesh, and the devil (Genesis 3, Isaiah 53:6, John 8:44, Romans 8:7, Ephesians 2:1-3, Colossians 1:21, James 4:4).
- God is righteously _____ with sinners, and we have become God’s _____ (Genesis 3, Psalm 7:11 Isaiah 59:2, Romans 1:18, 2:5).

“Reconciliation presupposes disrupted relations between God and men. It implies enmity and alienation. This alienation is twofold, our alienation from God and God’s alienation from us. The cause of the alienation is, of course, our sin, but the alienation consists not only in our unholy alienation against God but also in God’s holy alienation from us. Our iniquities have separated between us and our God and our sins have hid his face.” (John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*)

How does God reconcile his enemies?

- The Father sent Jesus to be the Prince of _____ (Isaiah 9:6, 53:6, Luke 2:14).
- Jesus died to _____ us to God (Romans 5:6-11, 2 Corinthians 5:18-20).
- Part of the mystery of the gospel is that God used the _____ Messiah to reconcile the _____ to himself (Romans 11:15, Ephesians 2:11-21, 3:6).
- Part of the mystery of the gospel is that God used the death of Jesus to set things right in the _____ (Colossians 1:20-22).

How should the truth about reconciliation changes us as the people of God?

- _____ – when we talk to God, we are talking to our Father and our _____ (Matthew 6:9, John 15:15).
- _____ – the ultimate aim of reconciliation is our growth in _____ and _____ (Colossians 1:21-23).
- _____ – God has given us the ministry of _____ (2 Corinthians 5:19-20).
- _____ – our congregations ought to be marked by _____, and unity requires reconciliation (Matthew 5:24, Ephesians 2:16).

“Reconciliation is represented as a work of God ... Reconciliation is a finished work ... This accomplished work of reconciliation is the message committed to the messengers of the gospel.” (John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*)