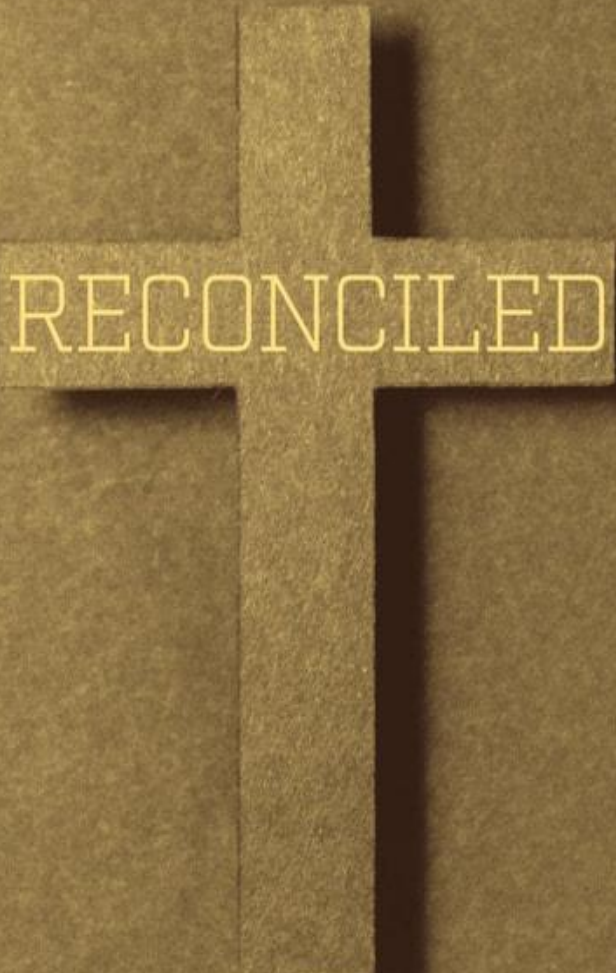




BE RECONCILED TO GOD.

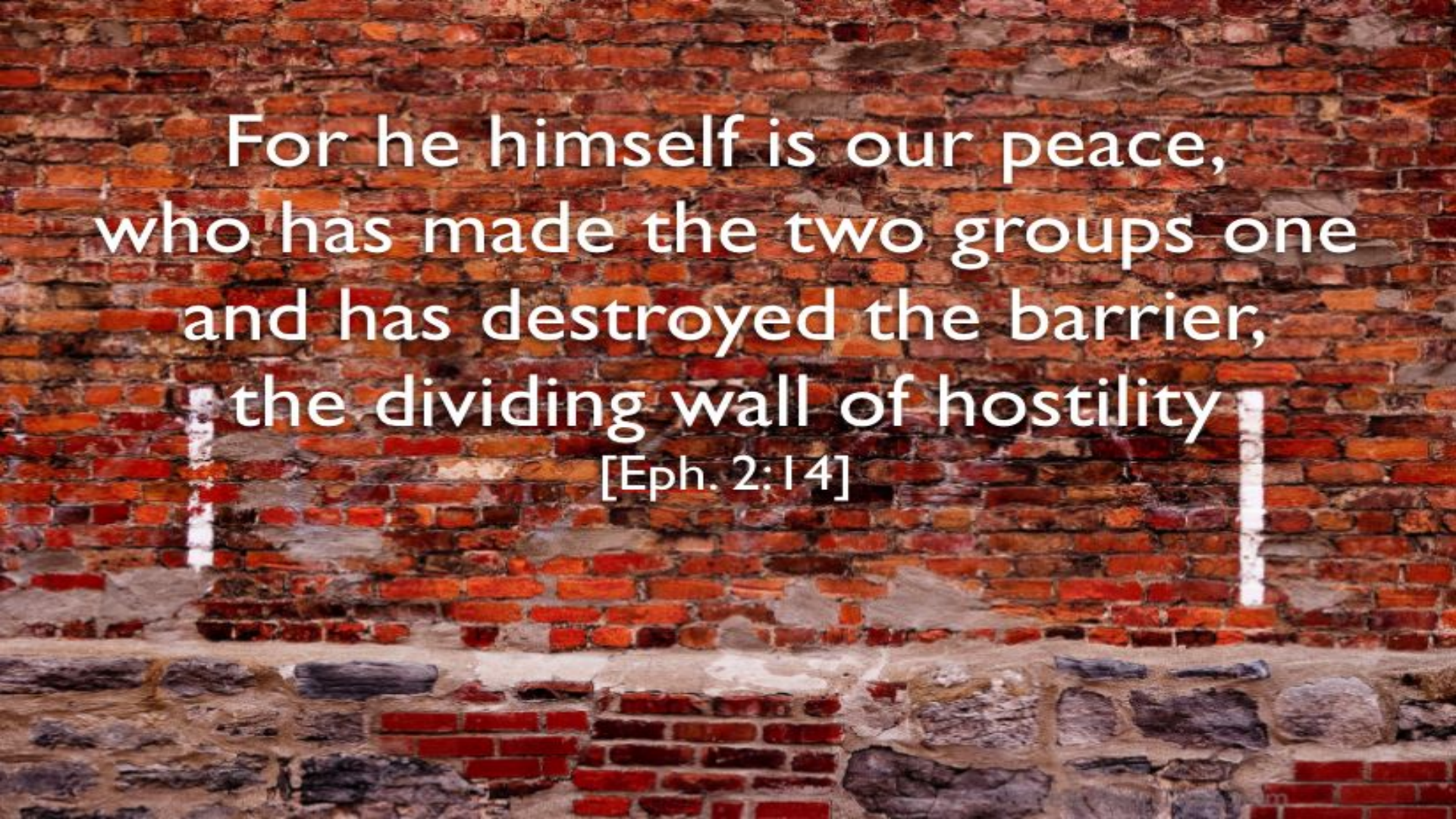
-2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

**GET RIGHT
WITH GOD**



Overview

Strong's Greek 2643 (katallagē) speaks of reconciliation—the decisive restoration of a broken relationship between God and humanity accomplished through the saving work of Jesus Christ. While Scripture contains broader calls for harmony among people, katallagē is used exclusively of God's act in Christ that removes hostility, grants peace, and re-establishes covenant fellowship.

The background of the image is a photograph of a weathered brick wall. The wall is made of reddish-brown bricks with some mortar missing in places. At the base of the wall, there is a large, irregular opening where the bricks have been removed, revealing a rough, stone-like foundation. Two vertical white lines are drawn on the wall, one on each side of the opening, framing the text.

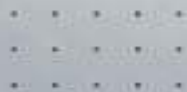
For he himself is our peace,
who has made the two groups one
and has destroyed the barrier,
the dividing wall of hostility

[Eph. 2:14]

A black and white photograph of two hands shaking in a firm grip, symbolizing reconciliation. The hands are positioned centrally, with one hand slightly above the other. The background is dark and out of focus. A semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid on the hands, containing the text "RACIAL RECONCILIATION".

RACIAL **RECONCILIATION**

THE
PROCESS
OF
RECONCILIATION



THOSE THAT WERE
FAR AWAY
— HAVE NOW BEEN —
BROUGHT NEAR.



Ephesians 2

12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

A person stands on the edge of a dark, jagged cliff. In the distance, a large cross is silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky where the sun is setting or rising. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

**WHAT
SEPARATES
— US —
FROM
GOD**

**SIN
PERFORMANCE
FEAR
SHAME**

THOSE THAT WERE
FAR AWAY
— HAVE NOW BEEN —
BROUGHT NEAR.



THOSE RECONCILED
WITH GOD BECOME
HIS FRIENDS



James 2:23: "And the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,' and he was called God's friend."

John 15:14-15: "I no longer call you servants... Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."

Exodus 33:11: "The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend."

“One who has
unreliable friends
soon comes to ruin,
but there is a friend
who sticks closer than
a brother.”

Proverbs 18:24



THOSE
RECONCILED

WITH GOD

BECOME HIS

Family



Romans 8

15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.[f] And by him we cry, “Abba,[g] Father.” 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.



— THOSE —
RECONCILED

— WITH GOD —

— BECOME HIS —

Partners



TOGETHER
IN PURPOSE



TOGETHER
IN MISSION



TOGETHER
FOR HIS KINGDOM



1 Corinthians 3:9: “For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

.2 Corinthians 6:1: “As God’s co-workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain.”

1 Corinthians 1:9: “God is faithful, who has called you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

EMERGENCY

DIAL 911

PSALMS

Psalm 91

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

3 Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.