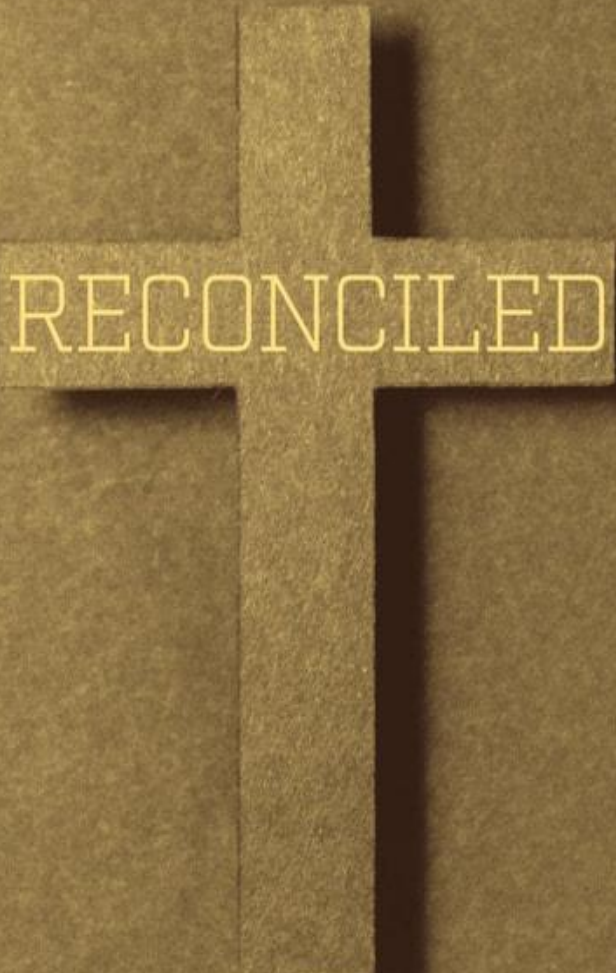




BE RECONCILED TO GOD.

-2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

**GET RIGHT
WITH GOD**



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.

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

WHAT SEPARATES — US — FROM GOD

SIN
PERFORMANCE
FEAR
SHAME

THOSE RECONCILED
WITH GOD BECOME
HIS FRIENDS



THOSE
RECONCILED

WITH GOD

BECOME HIS

Family





— THOSE —
RECONCILED

— WITH GOD —

— BECOME HIS —

Partners



TOGETHER
IN PURPOSE



TOGETHER
IN MISSION



TOGETHER
FOR HIS KINGDOM



EMERGENCY

DIAL 911

PSALMS

PSALM 91:1

SAFE



WHOEVER DWELLS IN THE SHELTER
OF THE **MOST HIGH** WILL REST IN
THE SHADOW OF THE **ALMIGHTY**.





HE WILL
COVER YOU

with his feathers,

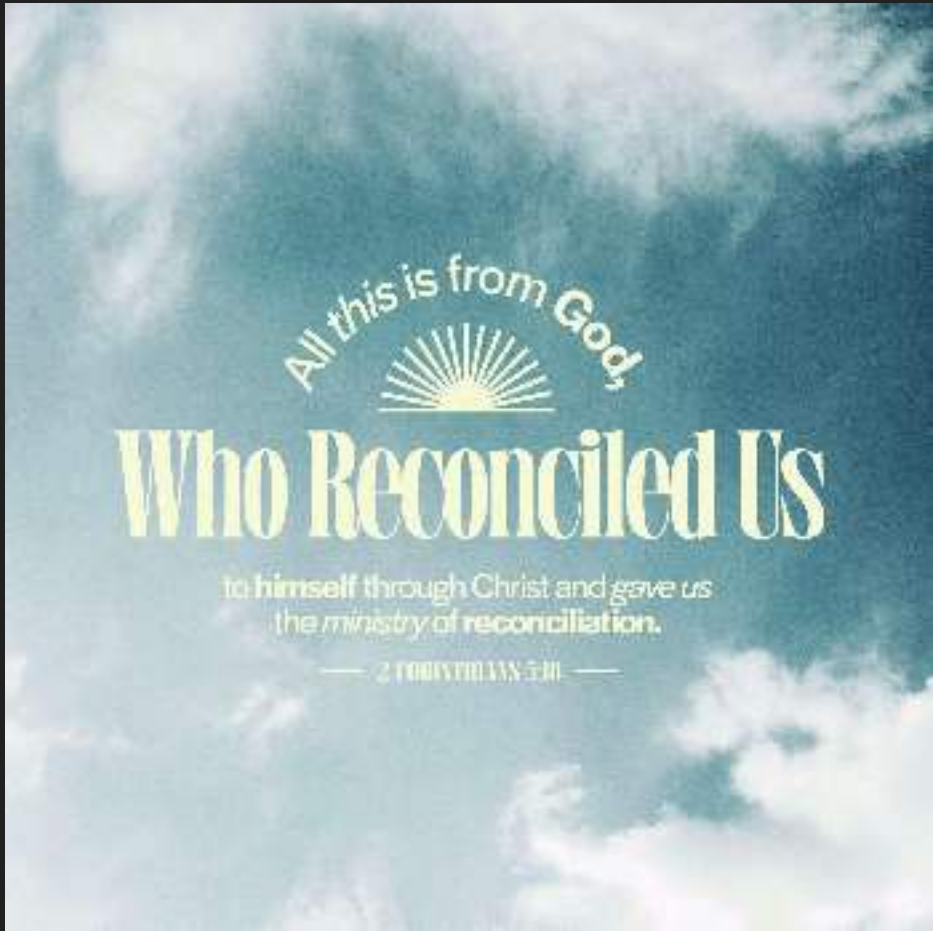


AND UNDER HIS WINGS
YOU WILL FIND **REFUGE**;



HIS **FAITHFULNESS** WILL BE
YOUR **SHIELD** AND **RAMPART**.

PSALM 91:4



All this is from God,

Who Reconciled Us

to himself through Christ and gave us
the ministry of reconciliation.

— 2 CORINTHIANS 5:11 —

that is, in Christ God was
reconciling the world to
himself, not counting
their trespasses against
them, and entrusting to
us the message of
reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:19 ESV



GET
RIGHT
WITH
GOD

+



GET
RIGHT
WITH
OTHERS



TWO RELATIONSHIPS. ONE PURPOSE.

RECONCILING

— WITH OTHERS IS YOUR —

CONDITIONAL
RESPONSIBILITY



**BUT IF YOU DO NOT
FORGIVE OTHERS THEIR SINS,
YOUR FATHER
WILL NOT FORGIVE
YOUR SINS.**

...

Matthew 6:15

— THE FIRST STEP —
TO GETTING OVER
BEING **BETRAYED**

IS REALIZING YOU ARE
A BETRAYER



JESUS

AND THE

Woman

CAUGHT IN

ADULTERY

JOHN 8:1-11



THE
DEATH
OF **HYPOCRISY**



IS THE BIRTHPLACE OF

Compassion



“Why do you call me
good?” Jesus answered.
“No one is good— except
God alone.”

MARK 10:18

**FREELY YOU HAVE
RECEIVED**

Mercy

**SO THAT YOU CAN
FREELY GIVE**

Mercy

MATTHEW 10:8





GET
RIGHT
WITH
GOD

+



GET
RIGHT
WITH
OTHERS



TWO RELATIONSHIPS. ONE PURPOSE.



Helping
ALL PEOPLE
— reconcile to —
GOD

THE
ENEMIES
OF **GOD**
CAN BE
RECONCILED
TO
GOD



NO ONE IS >>>
BEYOND HIS GRACE.
ROMANS 5:10 >>

THE
CONVERSION
OF THE
APOSTLE
PAUL

ACTS 9:1-19

From persecutor to preacher.
GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING.

Acts 9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"



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COLOSSIANS 1:21

ONCE YOU WERE
ALIENATED

FROM GOD AND WERE

ENEMIES

IN YOUR MINDS BECAUSE OF YOUR
EVIL BEHAVIOR.

YET NOW HE HAS

RECONCILED

YOU BY CHRIST'S PHYSICAL BODY

THROUGH DEATH TO PRESENT YOU

HOLY IN HIS SIGHT,

WITHOUT BLEMISH AND FREE FROM ACCUSATION.



JESUS

RECONCILES

WITH THE

MARGINALIZED

AND

THE SOCIAL

OUTSIDERS

“
HE CAME
FOR THE
OUTCASTS,
NOT THE
ACCEPTED.”

”



HE SEES
where others
overlook.



HE WELCOMES
where others
reject.



HE CONNECTS
where others
exclude.



HE RECONCILES
so all can belong
to Him.

FOR THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THE LOST.

LUKE 19:10

THE CONVERSION OF MATTHEW

the Tax Collector

JESUS SAW HIM WHERE HE WAS.
LOVE CHANGED HIM FOREVER.

MATTHEW 9:9

"As Jesus went on from there,
He saw a man named Matthew sitting at
the tax collector's booth and He said to him,
"Follow me." And he got up and followed Him.

FROM
TAX COLLECTOR
TO
FOLLOWER
OF JESUS



JESUS

AND THE

Woman

CAUGHT IN

ADULTERY

JOHN 8:1-11



THE LOST AND WANDERING

THE PRODIGAL:

Rebellious individuals who deliberately left home and squandered their inheritance, represented by the Prodigal Son in Jesus' parable who **"was lost and is found"** (Luke 15:24), returning to a welcoming father.



LEFT
HOME



SQUANDERED
EVERYTHING



FAR FROM
FATHER



WELCOME
HOME

NO ONE IS TOO FAR GONE FOR THE **LOVE** OF A FATHER.



FOR THIS SON
OF MINE WAS
DEAD AND IS
ALIVE AGAIN;
HE WAS **LOST**
AND IS **FOUND**.

LUKE 15:24



GOD RECONCILING WITH GENTILES (NON-ISRAELITES)



People who were historically "without Christ, aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants", but were brought near and reconciled into one body with Jewish believers through the cross.

“

EPHESIANS 2:12-13

“Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world.”

”



**ONCE FAR OFF,
NOW BROUGHT NEAR.**



SEPARATED



RECONCILED



ONE IN CHRIST

THROUGH HIS CROSS, WE ARE ONE.

GOD

RECONCILING WITH SELF-RIGHTEOUS OR PRIDEFUL RELIGIOUS FIGURES

People like Nicodemus, a Pharisee who had to move past a status-based faith to experience a **spiritual rebirth**.

A background image showing Jesus and Nicodemus in a night setting. Jesus, on the right, has long brown hair and a beard, wearing a light-colored robe. He is gesturing with his right hand while speaking. Nicodemus, on the left, is an older man with a white beard, wearing a dark robe and a head covering. They are sitting on a stone wall, looking at each other. In the background, a city with lights is visible under a dark sky with a full moon.

JESUS ANSWERED,
"TRULY, TRULY,
I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS
ONE IS BORN AGAIN
HE CANNOT SEE
THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

JOHN 3:3



STATUS

They trust in position, knowledge, or pedigree.



RELIGION

They follow the rules but miss real transformation.



ENCOUNTER

Jesus meets them with truth and grace.



REDEMPTION

He offers a new heart and new life.



REBIRTH

They are born again and see the kingdom.

GRACE DOESN'T
DISMISS THEM.
IT TRANSFORMS THEM.

GOD

— RECONCILING WITH —

WAYWARD OR BACKSLIDING *Believers*



Believers in local assemblies (such as the straying members of the church in Corinth) whom the epistles repeatedly urge to **complete their restoration by being "reconciled to God"** (2 Corinthians 5:20).



WE ALL WANDER
We all drift at some point.



BUT GOD PURSUES
He never stops calling us back.



BE RECONCILED
Turn back to the One who never left.



RESTORED IN COMMUNITY
Healing happens in relationship.



COMPLETE RESTORATION
Return, repent, receive, and move forward.

“

WE BEG YOU ON
BEHALF OF CHRIST,
BE RECONCILED
TO GOD.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

“

GOD'S HEART
IS RESTORATION,
NOT REJECTION.



LET US AIM FOR HARMONY IN THE CHURCH AND TRY TO BUILD EACH OTHER UP. ROMANS 14:19

JESUS

— RECONCILING WITH —

THE DEMONIAC

HE SAW HIM. HE MET HIM. HE SET HIM FREE.



BOUND

Luke 8:27

He lived in chains
and in darkness.



BROKEN

Luke 8:28

Tormented,
out of control,
and far from God.



ENCOUNTER

Luke 8:29

Jesus met him
with authority
and compassion.



DELIVERED

Luke 8:33-36

Set free and
reconciled to
himself and others.



SENT

Luke 8:39

A new life with
a new mission:
tell what God
has done.

“

THEN THE MEN WENT AWAY
AND TOLD EVERYONE
IN THE TOWN WHAT
JESUS HAD DONE FOR THE
DEMONIAC.”

LUKE 8:39



CHRIST CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THE LOST.

LUKE 19:10



JESUS

RECONCILING WITH

— THE —

LEPERS

“ Jesus touched the leper
and said, “I am willing;
be cleansed.” ”

MATTHEW 8:3



HE DIDN'T
AVOID THEM.
HE APPROACHED.
HE TOUCHED.
HE RESTORED.

JESUS BREAKS BARRIERS. BRINGS HEALING. RESTORES DIGNITY. BRINGS RECONCILIATION.



HE TOUCHED

Matthew 8:3

Compassion
that crosses limits.



HE CLEANSED

Matthew 8:3

Healing that
brings wholeness.



HE RESTORED

Luke 17:14-19

Restoration that
brings community.



HE RECONCILED

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Bringing us near
to a holy God.

NO ONE IS
TOO FAR
FOR HIS GRACE.

JESUS CAME TO *RECONCILE* WITH EVERYONE

NO EXCEPTIONS. NO EXCLUSIONS. JUST GRACE.

“For God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19



HE CAME

He left heaven to reach us.



HE LOVED

He loved each one of us without condition.



HE RECONCILED

He broke down barriers and made peace.



HE INCLUDED

Every race, every age, every story.



HE SENT US

Now we carry His message of reconciliation.



ONE MISSION.
ONE MESSAGE.
EVERY PERSON.

WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, AS THOUGH GOD WERE MAKING HIS APPEAL THROUGH US. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

