

Reconciliation

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Introduction

1. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
2. Bible is the book about salvation, not a scientific book, but it is scientific accurate. History
3. The Bible is the book on salvation then we learn about redemption, justification and reconciliation
4. If we have been reconciled then we are blessed, if we need to be reconciled there is good news, we can be
5. Paul's mission, calling, purpose was greater than him, it was about the ministry of reconciliation.
6. Three things in this lesson we want to consider, Implication, explanation, and location

II Discussion

1. Implication
 - a. There is a problem man needs to be reconciled back to God
 - b. Reconciled means re- again, conciliation to make friends, we need to be made friends with God again Example husband and wife 1 Corinthians 7:10-11; two men Matthew 5:23-24
 - c. Sin has separated us from God Isaiah 59:1-2
 - i. We are alienated because of sin from God Colossians 1:21; Ephesians 2:12; 4:17-20
 - ii. The prodigal son Luke 15, was dead spiritually until came to the father
 - iii. Dead in sin Ephesians 2:1
 - d. But we can be made alive John 10:10; Romans 8:z1
2. This is the Explanation
 - a. God was in Christ 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
 - b. God was and is the offended party, but God loved us enough to have a plan to redeem us.
 - c. God has laid upon Him the iniquity of us all Isaiah 53:6
 - d. God could have taken Him from all the suffering Hebrews 5:7
 - e. He did not impute our sins Romans 4:7-8
 - f. Blotted out Acts 3:19; Hebrews 8:12
 - g. The price was paid 1 Peter 1:18-19 (redeemed)
 - h. We can thus be cleansed or our sins can be blotted out called salvation 2 Corinthians 6:1-2
3. The Location
 - a. This is all in Christ 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - b. We are reconciled in one body Ephesians 2:12-18 verse 16
 - c. The body is the church Ephesians 1:22-23
 - d. Talk bad about the church talk bad about the cross of Christ
 - e. The church does not save, but the saved are in the church

III Conclusion

1. By implication we are sinners Romans 3:9, 23
2. We have contained within our Bible the explanation Romans 1:16-17
3. We can be in Christ Galatians 3:26-27
4. Be blessed today and be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ

Sources; Tom Holland GBN podcast (?) on reconciliation; Sincere Service sermons on 2 Corinthians 5 by Tom Holland; Hardeman's Tabernacle sermons 1922 page 233