Reconciled To God

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INTRODUCTION

- It speaks of a broken relationship, of an estranged relationship between two parties that's now been repaired and restored.
- All of it is about putting us back into a relationship with God.
- Heaven is going to be heaven because God is there.

1 Sin Had Separated Us From Our God

2 Corinthians 5:19; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 59:1–2

- The necessity of a reconciliation is based upon the fact that there was an estrangement.
- He made him who knew no sin to be sin for us. You see, the problem in this relationship was sin.
- Your sins and your iniquities have separated you from your God.
- Sin had separated us from our God.
- Sin was the problem. And reconciliation was the remedy.

2 Reconciled Us Through Jesus Christ

2 Corinthians 5:18; 1 Peter 3:18

- Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
- And the high price that he set was the life and the blood of his own son. He is the means of our reconciliation.
- For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God.
- The only way for us to be brought back to him was Christ. And Christ's death.

3 The Ministry of Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:19–20; John 14

- The whole work of the apostles was what he called to deliver the ministry of reconciliation.
- Now then we are ambassadors for Christ as though God were pleading through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf. Be reconciled to God.
- Number one is this message matters. And so we better listen because this is the word of God.
- It tells us that it is the word of God, not the word of the apostles.
- You're not reading the word of Paul, Peter, James, and John. You're reading God's word.

4 God Was Reconciling the World to Himself

- That God was reconciling the world to himself. Why would he want to?
- I don't have to understand and grasp the depth of God's love. To be able to appreciate it.

- If anybody ever could have made that decision, it could have been the high and holy God who sets upon his throne, who could have said, I don't want you.
- And he chose his only begotten son to die so that I might have that reconciliation.

5 Repentance Is My Part of Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:15; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11

- He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for him who died for them and rose again.
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.
- Repentance is my part of reconciliation. A change has to take place.
- And so I willingly and gladly give up my selfish desires, my sinful lust, and my sinful practices, so that I might be reconciled to my God.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you make that your choice this morning? To be reconciled to Him.**

MY NOTES