

Be Reconciled

Proverbs 13:1-25; 2 Corinthians 5:1-21 / Exodus 20:1-20

I. Be Reconciled with God

A. God calls His people to Him. *Seek ye the LORD* while he may be found, *call ye upon him while he is near.* (ISAIAH 55:6)

1. The burdens, pains and sorrows of life are official summons to appear at the throne of God. *Come unto me*, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, *and I will give you rest.* (MATTHEW 11:28)

2. Come to God and keep coming to Him. And *having an high priest* over the house of God; *Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith*, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)* (HEBREWS 10:21-23)

3. God is not far away or hard to find. *Thou art near*, O LORD; and *all thy commandments are truth.* (PSALM 119:151)

B. Everything else in life depends on first restoring the relationship with God – RECONCILIATION. But *seek ye first the kingdom* of God, and his righteousness; *and all these things shall be added* unto you. (MATTHEW 6:33)

C. God isn't interested in peace until a person gets spiritual priorities in order. Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; *first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.* (MATTHEW 5:24)

D. Expect reconciliation to produce results. For *if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God* by the death of his Son, much more, *being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.* (ROMANS 5:10)

II. Be Reconciled with Yourself

A. Peace with God calms the heart and brings peace to the mind. And you, that were sometime alienated and *enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled* (COLOSSIANS 1:21)

C. Study Providence. *A wise son heareth his father's instruction:* but a scorner heareth not rebuke. (PROVERBS 13:1)

D. God does not call people to do what only He can do. For *by grace are ye saved through faith*; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: *Not of works,*

lest any man should boast. (EPHESIANS 2:8-9)

E. However, people are called to what God will do through them. For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which **God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.** (EPHESIANS 2:10)

III. Be Reconciled with the World

A. Practice reconciliation with other reconciled people in the school of Christ. And let us consider one another to **provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*. and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. (HEBREWS 10:24-25)

B. The church is a community of experienced sinners – YOU DIDN'T INVENT PAIN, FRUSTRATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT and You Don't Have to Face it Alone **For all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God; (ROMANS 3:23)

C. The reconciled to become reconcilers. Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And **all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation**; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; **and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.** (2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-19)

1. God's love leads to life. For **God so loved the world**, that he gave his only begotten Son, **that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.** (JOHN 3:16)

2. God is entirely reliable. **Every good gift** and every perfect gift is from above, and **cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.** (JAMES 1:17)

3. Reconciliation leads to more than restoration. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, **much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.** (Romans 5:10)

D. Become an ambassador for Christ. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, **as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.** For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; **that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.** (2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-21)

E. The assignment is not optional. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: **as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.** (JOHN 20:21)

F. If people do not like the message, do not take it personally, it wasn't about you anyway. He that heareth you heareth me; and *he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.* (LUKE 10:16)

G. Do what ever it takes to reconcile others to Christ. And the lord said unto the servant, *Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.* (LUKE 14:23)