



Section 4: Concerning Salvation/Reconciliation

Question 8: What is Reconciliation?

Answer 8: Reconciliation is the peace agreement initiated by God, toward us, whereby we exchange the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ for our sin.

Memory Verse: **2 Corinthians 5:21**
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.

Support Verses: **2 Corinthians 5:18-20**
18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;
19 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.
20 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.

Romans 5:10
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

Colossians 1:20-22
20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.
21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled
22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

Discussion Points:

1. Define reconciliation:

- Webster's 1828 defines "reconcile" as, "to call back into union and friendship the affections which have been alienated; to restore to friendship or favor after estrangement; as, to reconcile men or parties that have been at variance."
- The Greek word translated "reconcile" speaks to an "exchange" and refers to that act of God whereby He takes upon Himself our sin to establish a relationship of peace which was before prevented by the demands of His justice.
- Reconciliation is a most amazing aspect of salvation.



2. A practical application:

- It is a lost aspect of the preaching of the gospel to make men aware of their condition (your His enemy) before a holy God.
- Reconciliation is about an agreement in which God sets the terms which are two fold: first, acknowledge the exceeding sinfulness of your sin in repentance, and second, agree, by faith to receive His gift of righteousness.
- Do you want peace with God? Well you can have it no other way! Be reconciled to God.
- Agree to His terms, and watch what He will do with a life at peace with Him.
- He will save you from the penalty of your sin and restore your life to something worthy.

3. The exclusive nature of the terms:

- What makes the agreement possible is the proper mediator, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- God, being just, demands that sin be punished;
- Man, being unjust, deserves punishment for sin.
- Jesus being willing to represent the holiness of God before men, and bear the sin of man before God makes the covenant of reconciliation possible.
- There is no barrier that is not broken down by the blood of the new covenant.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men" (Hymn #340 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness" (Hymn #321 - Rejoice Hymns)