

# Reconciled and Restored

The Gospel of The Kingdom - Week 5 (3-23-22)

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Reconcile = Restore to friendship or harmony; settle; to make consistent; cause to submit to  
Restore = Give back, return; bring back into existence; put again in possession of something

## I. Reconciled to God

### A. Separation between God and man began in the garden.

1. They were **DECEIVED** by the serpent, and ticked into believing that God was a liar.  
- DIVISION - Gen. 3:4 "...Ye shall not surely die."
  - a) satan knows that if he can separate us from God, then he has already defeated us.
2. Everything that they were (their identity/authority) and did was completely wrapped up in and dependent upon their relationship with their creator.
  - a) Satan told Eve that she could be her own God instead of relying on her creator - Gen. 3:5
3. "When you walk/live in truth, deception is destroyed." - DL

### B. Vs 18-19 - God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself

1. This was Gods part of His own initiative out of His love for us (John 3:16).
  - a) He has forever settled His side of His relationship with us.
2. Our part is to be in Christ (vs 17).

## II. Reconciled to Self

### A. When we are in Christ and have accepted God's reconciliation with us, all things become new (as it was originally intended to be).

### B. False god of security

1. "The Fall" came from a false sense of security from something other than God.
  - a) James 1:17 - Anything that is truly good comes from God. We can't get anything good from anywhere else.
    - (1) God is always good, and always truth, and always love. He never changes

### 2. **DOUBLE MINDEDNESS**

- a) When there is division between us and our only source of stability and consistency we then become unstable (double minded)
- b) Turmoil and anxiety instead of peace, sickness instead of health
  - (1) When you are in chaos internally it effects your physical body as well. -
  - (2) 3 John 1:2 "Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."
- c) James 1:5-8

### C. We are reunited with God through Jesus.

1. We have peace with God - Romans 5:1 and Eph. 2:14
2. Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."
  - a) Sozo = save; deliver... also translated - made whole, healed, to do well

### III. Reconciled to Others

#### A. 2 Corin. 5:19-20

1. We can't communicate the "word of reconciliation" if we are not reconciled with God, ourselves, or other people.
  - a) "be ye reconciled to God!" - then reconciliation with yourself and others will follow.

#### B. Revelation 6:4 - He comes to take peace from the earth

1. We need to be allowing the peace of God to guard our hearts - Philippians 4:7
2. Mark 3:24-27
  - a) Don't get bound up in the enemies plans to steal peace. Be a "strong man" that can't be bound.
    - (1) 2 Timothy 2:9 "I suffer trouble, as an evildoer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound."

#### C. Christ Unites Us

1. Differences can cause division but only when those differences are magnified.
2. The Chosen (Season 2, Episode 2) "People out there want to define all of us by our pasts, but we do things differently because of Him (Jesus)." Matthew talking to Simon.
  - a) 1 Corinthians 1:10
  - b) Galatians 3:28 - Physical differences should not matter, we are all one in Christ!

#### D. John 13:35 - "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."