



THIS IS US. - RECONCILES

1. Reconcile People to **God**.

Colossians 1:21-22 NLT

²¹ This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. ²² Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

- A. You are the offender by your **thoughts** and actions.
- B. Christ is the **initiator**.
- C. Holy, blameless, without a single fault.

2. Reconcile People to **People**.

Matthew 5:21-24 NLT

²¹ "You have heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.' ²² But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell. ²³ "So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, ²⁴ leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

Matthew 18:15-17 NLT

¹⁵ "If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. ¹⁶ But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.

- A. Invite **God** in to the offense.
- B. Let it go.
- C. What if I **can't**?
- D. Meet with the person public but private.
 - i. **Reconciliation**.
 - ii. **Rejection**.
- E. Take 2.
- F. 3 Strikes – You're out.
- G. My first step...