

The Exchange - Reconciled

In order for us to receive the benefits of what Jesus has already done we have to respond in faith.

II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV - *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”*

Your spirit is the one that's a new creation in Christ. Your spirit is the part of you that when you got born again was radically changed, completely different.

Your soul and body haven't been born again and so that's where we've got to do some work still.

II Corinthians 5:18 NKJV - *“Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,”*

God HAS reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is past tense.

We are not waiting on God to do something. God's waiting on our response to what He has already done.

Reconcile - (katallasso) - to change, exchange, as coins for others of equivalent value

- 1.to reconcile (those who are at variance)
- 2.return to favour with, be reconciled to one
- 3.to receive one into favour

The sin issue has been dealt with!!! Sin cannot keep you from coming to God for ANYTHING because you've been reconciled!!!!

Vines Bible Dictionary (reconcile) - Not once is God said to be "reconciled." The enmity is alone on our part. It was we who needed to be "reconciled" to God, not God to us, and it is propitiation, which His righteousness and mercy have provided, that makes the "reconciliation" possible to those who receive it.

We still have to receive it!!! Just because God has reconciled us to Him in Jesus death at the cross, it doesn't mean you receive it automatically. You receive it by faith!!!

II Corinthians 5:18 NKJV - *“Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,”*

II Corinthians 5:19 NKJV - *“that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”*

Notice it said that Christ was reconciling the world..... Not the good people. Not the people that have done right and earned it. Not the people who have done penance. **The world. The sinners. Everyone!** That includes you and me. Because everyone was born into sin. Not one person born from Adam and Eve was born without sin. Sin was in the seed!!! The seed was damaged.

This is how Mary got pregnant without every having relations with a man. The Holy Spirit provided an incorruptible seed!

Romans 5:8 NKJV - *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

When you were still a sinner, Christ died for you. Not because you performed or where good. Many Christians still call themselves a sinner. We’ve got to stop misquoting scripture. We were a sinner, but Jesus has reconciled us and made us righteous.

Romans 5:9-10 NKJV - *“Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, **much more**, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”*

I WAS but now I AM.

Justified - made righteous, innocent.

We WERE reconciled to God.... When did this happen? What does it say??? Through the death of His Son, Jesus!!! **NOT WHEN YOU REALIZED YOU NEEDED A SAVIOR.**

Now that we are reconciled, **MUCH MORE** - abundantly better! We shall be saved-healed by His life!

AMPC - now that we are reconciled, that we shall be saved (daily delivered from sin’s dominion) through His resurrection life.

God reconciled us by Jesus death on the cross, but at His resurrection we now have the ability to reign in life by His life! Sin has no power over you. We’ve been delivered from sin’s dominion. We’ve been redeemed from the curse associated with sin. And we can live in His resurrection life!

2 Corinthians 5:20 AMPC - *“So we are Christ's ambassadors, God making His appeal as it were through us. We [as Christ's personal representatives] beg you for His sake to lay hold of the divine favor [now offered you] and be reconciled to God.”*

Lay hold of it. It’s already been done for us, but we have to lay hold of it. We have to respond to what Jesus has done. We’ve got to take it by faith!!!!

II Corinthians 5:21 NKJV - *“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*

This is the exchange. He became sin, He took our punishment, so we could be righteous.

We didn’t earn it, but we do have to respond to what He’s done for us. We won’t automatically live this life sickness free, disease free, poverty free. Just because Jesus paid for it and reconciled us doesn’t mean we will receive it.

If you’re trying to do something to earn it you won’t receive it. If you are thinking you have to add to what Jesus did, you won’t receive it. It’s a free gift of grace.

Exchange - To give up for a substitute

The Good News, the gospel, is not prophecy. The good news is what Jesus has already done in the past.