

# *The Gospel Herald*

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“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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## *Reconciliation*

“And hath given unto us the ministry of RECONCILIATION”  
II Corin. 5:18

*I invite your attention the eighteenth verse of the fifth chapter of Paul’s writing in the second Corinthian epistle.*

*“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given unto us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, and not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ 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” (II Corin. 5:18-21).*

*Dear beloved of God, what encompasses this term “RECONCILED?” It is a word which comes from its root form “RECONCILE” when defined expresses the following:*

*RECONCILE: To cause harmony, communion, settle a difference, to cause submission to, or accept.*

*If God permits, and give a little season of clarity of mind, I hope to attempt to set before you this morning some thoughts on the subject of “RECONCILIATION.”*

*FIRST; In our text, we see the beloved apostle expressing the sovereign authority of our Almighty God as he states, “all things are of God!”*

*In my understanding, this means there is NOTHING outside the realm or spectrum of God’s determined and decreed purpose. For ALL things are of God. There is NOTHING that man the lowly creature has designed, invented, constructed or devised that is not taken from the basic elements of God’s creation. For ALL things that the creature has*

accomplished, whether it be in medical science or industrial inventions of materials that has not been made from the basic elements of earth's substance.

Therefore, whether it be in the natural realm of technology and industry or in the spiritual realm, **ALL THINGS ARE OF GOD!!!!** And by his predestined sovereign purpose **ALL** things come and go and have their being and existence as determined by the good pleasure of the Almighty whether good or evil.....Yet, in our text I shall focus upon the context of which (I hope it is written) revealing the "workings" of divine **RECONCILIATION**.

**SECOND:** We have been **RECONCILED** to God our Father by and through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Christ vicarious and sacrificial offering of himself upon the cross of Calvary, he alone "settled the difference" that sin had brought upon **ALL** God's elect children throughout the ages of time. He (Christ) had caused the Vail to be torn from top to bottom in the entrance into the Holy of Holies displaying the **PROOF** that there is now an access to the Father by and through **HIM** only. He **ONLY** has opened the **DOOR** allowing the sinful creatures of God's elect choosing to be brought into harmony with our God and Father. The **DIFFERENCE** has been settled (although, in the determined predestined purpose of God it had been established as settled before the foundation of the world) and now manifested and revealed openly as our bleeding Saviour hung upon **HIS** wooden cross.

**THIRD:** Being that now, in the fullness of time, God has manifested his sovereign desire in breaking down the wall of partition which in times past has separated us from communion with himself as sin's curse caused us to be unable to be looked upon by the Almighty. But now, we have been **CAUSED** to submit to this **RECONCILING** work of grace by the power of God" working in us causing us to both **WILL** and to **DO** of his good pleasure." Therefore, God our Father looks upon us of his elect family **SPOTLESS** and without blemish through the precious blood of his darling Son and our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. **ULTIMATE "RECONCILIATION"** has been accomplished in our behalf, our sin and transgressions hath been removed as far as the East is from the West, and God has cast them **BEHIND HIMSELF** never to turn and look upon our unrighteous ledgers!! Sin is eradicated, Sin has been removed, sin has been atoned for, sin is no longer a barrier which keeps us from communion with our heavenly Father (notwithstanding, the chastening of God in this time world for sins done in the body as God's children which shall vex the soul and break the heart to contrite repentance of which **ALL** God's children shall be partakers. That the end result be that fruit of holiness).

**FORTH:** Now being revealed the "RECONCILING" work of God in behalf of our Lord's elect church, we have been given the **MINISTRY** of "RECONCILIATION" to proclaim as the glorious message of the gospel good news to those of Christ Church...Proclaiming that God's divine promises are sure and steadfast and what he had promise that shall he also **DO**. We have been made ministers of **RECONCILIATION** by the operation of revealing grace upon **ALL** that have been blessed with hearing ears and seeing eyes as

*those chosen, called, appointed, ordained, and predestined heirs of divine sovereign grace and mercy. We have ONE primary message which shall ONLY bring glad tidings and bring peace, joy and longing hope, and that is the gospel good news of Christ RECONCILING work of divine love for undeserving and wretched sinners. He alone HAS MADE US ACCEPTABLE!*

*He alone has settled the opposition that existed as the result of sins degradation. He alone has brought HARMONY between God's children and our Holy Father. He alone has established a COMMUNION which can never be broken, and through this work and operation of grace we have been given and made ministers of RECONCILIATION.*

*LAST: In conclusion, God has made us AMBASSADORS for Christ, an AGENT, a REPRESENTATIVE, a MESSENGER, and APPOINTED to a special position of representation with this glorious message of God's RECONCILING work of grace.*

*I cannot instruct you how to be an Ambassador of Christ, for this is a work of free and sovereign grace as with ALL the manifestation of the evidence of God's Spirit work in the believer. We are "Passively" caused to be Ambassador's and witnesses of God's saving grace and love. Yet, be assured beloved brethren and sisters in Christ Jesus, WE SHALL BE AMBASSADORS and WITNESSES if we be true heirs of grace. For this is the manifestation of the fruit and working of God's Spirit with the heart, mind and soul of those born of God. "For what have we received which we have not BEEN GIVEN?" Beloved of God, by God's enabling power and divine grace shall we be identified as those who have been RECONCILED by God's sovereign love and mercy as we continue our journey through this earthly pilgrimage here below.*

*May God bless the exposition of his word in my feeble efforts to express it this day.*

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