

The Ministry of Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Take encouragement from God's revealed truth about his ministry of reconciliation!

Six truths regarding reconciliation:

1. Reconciliation is a **changed relationship** between **two separated parties** (v. 18a)

2. Reconciliation is **initiated** by **God in His unconditional love** (v. 18a)

3. Reconciliation is **accomplished** (made possible) by **Christ's sacrifice** (v.18b, 19a)

4. Reconciliation is **accompanied** by **spiritual blessings**

3 spiritual blessings made possible by reconciliation with God:

- a. **Newness of life** (v.17)

 - b. **Forgiveness of sin** (v.19)

 - c. **Imputation of righteousness** (v.21)
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5. Reconciliation is **announced and promoted** by **Christian witnesses** (v.18c, 19c, 20)

 6. Reconciliation is **available** upon **repentance and faith** in Christ (v.20b-21)