

FROM THE WORD --

RECONCILED BY GOD

Our word RECONCILED has some beautiful meanings -- "to make friendly again" -- "to settle a quarrel" -- and there are many more.

The Bible uses this word to bring back to God, those who have been estranged from Him by sin -- *"For if, when we were enemies, we were RECONCILED to God by the death of His Son, much more, being RECONCILED, we shall be Saved by His Life"* (Romans 5:10).

"All things are of God, who has RECONCILED us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of RECONCILIATION" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

"And you, that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now has He RECONCILED" (Colossians 1:21).

"And all things are of God who has RECONCILED us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of RECONCILIATION -- that is, that God was in Christ, RECONCILING the world to Himself, not charging their trespasses to them -- and has committed to us the Word of RECONCILIATION" (2 Corinthians 5:18,19).

"Wherefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make RECONCILIATION for the sins of the people" (Hebrews 2:17).

What beautiful usage of the word RECONCILIATION that we find in God's Word -- being brought back from our wanderings into renewed fellowship with Almighty God.

It brings to mind that beautiful old hymn, "I've wandered far away from God, now I'm coming home -- the paths of sin too long I've trod, Lord, I'm coming home. Coming home, coming home, never more to roam, open wide Thine arms of Love, Lord, I'm coming home" -- REAL RECONCILIATION IN ACTION!

We have all wandered far away from God at times, and He is inviting us to return to Him -- come back to Him, on His terms, and be accepted with wide open arms and fully restored to the Heavenly relationship.

The Bible story of the prodigal son that blew it all on riotous living in a far country was welcomed back to the father and restored to full relationship -- he was RECONCILED and forgiven of his wayward living by the unconditional love of his father. Our Heavenly Father is also waiting for you to return to Him and regain the sweet relationship of love.

God Loves us -- God wants us to come to Him -- God wants that relationship with Him which is available through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

This is something we cannot do on our own. God is waiting for us to realize that we need Him in our lives -- we need Him to show us the way. He has made it completely clear in His Word -- the

Bible -- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ -- confess, repent, admit you need Him, admit you want Him, humbly ask Him to bring you into His family -- and then Thank Him for saving you -- for RECONCILING you.

BE YE RECONCILED TO GOD!

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