

Through Jesus We Have Been Reconciled to God

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"For in Him (Jesus) all things were created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created through Him, and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church; who is the Beginning, the Firstborn from the Dead; so that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all Fulness dwell; and, having made peace through the blood of His Cross, through Him (Jesus) to Reconcile all things to Himself, through Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, who were once alienated and hostile in your mind by wicked deeds, yet now He (Jesus) has reconciled (you) in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable in His sight." (Colossians 1:16-22)

Through Him: from the Greek words *di autou* which mean: through Him, through Jesus; the context is that the Father is also involved through Jesus in the reconciliation of people to Himself: those who were alienated and hostile in their mind and relationship with God.

Reconcile: from the Greek word *apokataallaxai* which means: reconcile; or reconcile completely, to fully restore back to favor; to bring back to a former state of harmony and peaceful relationship; in context: to restore back to God sinful people; but now believers in Jesus: holy and blameless and irreproachable in God's sight!

All Things: from the Greek word *panta* which means: all things; everything; or in context: everyone who has been reconciled to the Father through Jesus, through His shed blood, and death on the Cross.

Alienated: from the Greek word *apellotriomenous* a verb which means: to be alienated, to be estranged; or excluded; in context: to be shut out and separated, because of sin, from fellowship and intimacy with God; and thus aliens, instead of citizens in His Kingdom!

Hostile: from the Greek word *echthrous* an adjective which means: hostile; hateful; enmity; hostile to the position of being an enemy (*echthra*) of God.

That people were, or still are, alienated from, and hostile to God was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah as follows:

"Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, so that He will not hear." (Isaiah 59:2)

Paul the apostle confirms the truth of this enmity with God, and exhorts us as follows:

"For those who are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but those who are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity (hostility) against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then those who are in the flesh cannot please God." (Romans 8:5-8)

"Therefore remember, that you being in time past, Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the Commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off (separated) are made near (reconciled) in the blood of Christ." (Ephesians 2:11-12)

In Christ Jesus we are exhorted to avoid our former alienated and corrupt conduct:

"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the Life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all impurity with greediness. But **you have not so learned Christ**; if it so be that you have heard Him, and have been taught in Him, as the Truth is in Jesus, so that you put off concerning the former conduct the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that you put on the new man, who after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." (Ephesians 4:17-24)

Speaking of Jesus, "Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree (the Cross), so that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed. For you were as sheep going astray; but have now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." (1 Peter 2:24-25)

The apostle James also warns of the enmity that separates people from God, as follows:

"Do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore will be a friend of the world makes himself the enemy of God. Do you think that the scripture says in vain, 'The Spirit who dwells in us yearns to jealousy?' But He gives more grace; therefore He said, 'God resists the proud, **but gives grace unto the humble**' (Proverbs 3:34). Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." (James 4:4-8)

To end this 'separation' from God, the Father was pleased to send His Son Jesus to reconcile us back to God through the death of His Son, through the blood of His Cross. Please consider the following:

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God commends His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now Justified in 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, being reconciled, we shall be saved in His life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation." (Romans 5:6-11)

"For the Love of Christ constrains us; because we thus judge: that if One (Jesus) died for all, then all were dead; and He died for all, so that those who live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him who died for them, and rose again. Therefore, henceforth we know no man after the flesh; yes, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth we know Him no more. Therefore, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new. And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation: that is, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and has committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you through us; we pray on behalf of Christ, be you reconciled to God. For He (God) has made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; so that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:14-21)

The Reconciliation of all things, everyone, even the Gentiles, came as a stumbling-block to the Jews; but riches to the Gentiles. Please consider the following:

"What then? Israel has not obtained that which he seeks for; but the elect (the chosen) has obtained it, and the rest were hardened; according as it is written, 'God has given them the spirit of slumber: eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear; unto this day' ([Deuteronomy 29:4](#)). And David said, 'Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a **stumbling-block**, and a recompense unto them. Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back always' ([Psalm 69:22-23](#)). I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But rather through their fall salvation has come unto the Gentiles, to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry; if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh (i.e. Jewish people), and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the acceptance of them be, but Life from the dead? ([Romans 11:7-15](#))

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off are made near in the blood of Christ. For He is our peace, who has made both (Jew and Gentile) one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself, of two, one new man, and so making peace; and that He (Jesus) might reconcile both unto God in one body through the Cross, having slain the enmity therein, and came and preached peace to you who were afar off, and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in One Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners (aliens), but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the Household of God." ([Ephesians 2:13-19](#))

Our Reconciliation in Christ Jesus is secure, as it says:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or famine, or persecution, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter' ([Psalm 44:22](#)). No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him (Jesus) who loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." ([Romans 8:35-39](#))

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We were once alienated and separated from God !

But now we have been reconciled to God through the death of Jesus on the Cross !!

We were once strangers, and aliens, and hostile enemies towards God !

But now we are fellow-citizens with all the saints in and through Christ Jesus !!

We were once without hope, and without God in the world !

But now we shall never be separated from the Love of God which is in Christ Jesus !!

Thank You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for our eternal Reconciliation in You !!

Thank You Lord Jesus for reconciling us through Your shed Blood on the Cross !!

All Praise, and Glory, and Honor is yours forever !

Truly Truly !! ~ Amen and Amen !!