

We Were Reconciled to God by the Death of His Son

Part 1: While We Were Enemies

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For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son...

Romans 5:10a

This verse, Romans 5:10a gives us the very core of true Christianity, or believing regarding Jesus Christ. Without its points of truth living in us then our spiritual corruption is highly probable, and we tend to try to live for God by our own abilities. Furthermore, we CANNOT come into the realization of unadulterated oneness with God, our Father.

Let's take this verse one main point at a time. Tonight we will be looking at:

For if, while we were enemies

NOTES:

1. "If" would be better translated as "since." *For since, while we were enemies*
2. We (Rom. 1:7 the beloved of God, called saints – including us)
3. "Were" is past tense. We aren't enemies of God any longer because of Jesus Christ's death.
4. While we were enemies (hostile, foes, adversaries, ones who hated or disliked God.)
 - a. Man's value to God without Christ: Psm. 39:5 **"nothing in your sight," "at best, altogether vanity."** Ecc. 6:12 **"the years of man's futile life."** 1Cor. 3:20 **"the reasonings of the wise are useless,"** Isa. 40:15-17 **"the nations are like a drop from a bucket.. as a speck of dust on the scales." "All the nations are as nothing before him... yeah less than nothing and meaningless."**
 - b. Man apart from Christ: Rom. 3:9-18 **"throat is an open grave," "with their tongues they keep deceiving," "destruction and misery are in their paths"**
 - i. Eph. 2:12 **"without God and without hope in this world."**
 - ii. Rom. 5:6-8 **"ungodly," "sinners"**
 - c. Gen. 4:1-5 (also Gen. 3:21 blood shed to get animal skins)
 - d. Php. 3:4-14 What do we have to offer God by our own abilities?

God isn't looking for what we can do for him. He is looking for those who will accept and abide in what he has done for us through his Son. He had his Son die for all of our errors, our faults, our frailties, our shortcomings, etc. so that we would be reconciled to him. 1Jn. 4:9-10 showing God's intense love for us while we were his enemies.

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Part 2: Through the Death of His Son

Oct. 7, 2010

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REVIEW: *while we were enemies*

1. We **“were”** God’s enemies, not now that we’ve been reconciled to God.
2. Before Christ died for us we were **“nothing”** to God, at best **“altogether vanity.”** Our **“righteous deeds were as filthy rags.”** All the nations collectively were **“nothing before him... yea less than nothing and meaningless.”** Of our own ability and worth we were valueless to God. As a result of being in the category of sin and death through Adam’s disobedience we were **“ungodly,” “sinners”** and even **“enemies”** of God.
3. The statement, *while we were enemies*, shows us that before Christ died for us we were in a state of being, described as enemies of God.

In this second part of this series we will study the phrase; *through the death of His Son*. In our previous state of being enemies of God we were powerless to redeem ourselves, to reconcile ourselves to God, for the price of redemption was far beyond the range of our means (Psm. 49:6-9 & Rom. 5:6). Mankind had to wait for God’s provision for reconciliation – the death of His Son.

Why did God require the death of His Son for reconciliation? Couldn’t God pardon sins without a cause? NO! Here is a point which must be accepted to avoid misconceptions. God is just (Rom. 3:26, Deut. 32:4 **“all his ways are just.”** He is **“a God... without injustice,”** Psm. 37:28a **“God loves justice,”** Gen. 18:25b **“Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”**) Not one shall escape the justice of God (Rom. 2:3). Justice demands distribution of punishment for what was done wrongly, and of reward for what was done rightly. Not one sin escapes God’s sight:

“For if the message spoken through angels was legally binding, and every transgression and disobedience received a just punishment,” (Heb 2:2 HCSB)

The penalty of sin is death – Rom. 6:23.

“Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sins shall die.” (Eze 18:4 RSV)

“...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Ro 3:23 RSV)

Every one of us has sinned and has fallen short. Therefore, every one of us deserves death in God’s justice system. God’s solution to this apparently inescapable problem of sins is the substitutionary death of His Son. Instead of us dying, Christ was to die in our

stead. What was to be measured out to *you*, and to all, due to our **“just punishment”** was measured out upon Jesus. There wasn't a **“transgression”** or **“disobedience”** which wasn't paid for while our Lord received our full punishment. When the accumulation of all our penalties was dealt to him then, and only then, God's justice against us due to sin was satisfied:

“As a result of the anguish of his soul, He will see it and be satisfied” Isa. 53:11a

The Christ HAD to die in our place as a full payment for sin so that we would be reconnected to God.

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NOTES:

1. “Through” – by the means of.
2. “Death” – God's justly required punishment for sin.
3. “His Son” – referring to the one who obeyed him, Lk. 22:39-44, Rom. 5: 19, Phil: 2:8-11, etc.

Jesus Christ's death was/is our means of being reconciled to God. Any other means for our reconciliation to God is a counterfeit, which ALWAYS rests upon what we are to do or not do. We didn't enter into being reconciled to God through our own means; neither do we maintain it through our own means. Consider Phil. 3:9.

Being reconciled to God is the big deal to God, not ministering healing, casting out demons, speaking in tongues, having a ministry, or any other outward effects. This is because accepting and living our reconciliation to God is the energy behind all of the genuine outward effects.

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Part 3: We Were Reconciled to God

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“For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by his life;” (Ro 5:10 ASV)

REVIEW:

while we were enemies

4. We **“were”** God’s enemies, not now that we’ve been reconciled to God.
5. Before Christ died for us we were **“nothing”** to God, producing **“nothing”** for God.
6. The statement, *while we were enemies*, shows us that before Christ died for us we were in a state of being, described as enemies of God.

through the death of his Son

7. The death of God’s Son paid in full the just punishment required for every place that we missed the mark of God’s perfect standard.

NOTES:

4. “Were reconciled” - This is in the past tense.
5. Being reconciled – Because we were, now we are. It’s a state of being. Our state of being previous to Christ’s death was as God’s “enemies.”
6. “To God” – This isn’t saying that God reconciled himself TO US. He didn’t come into our state of being, that is, unholy, unrighteous, imperfect, a sinner. We came into his state of being: holy, righteous, perfect, clean of impurity, etc.

We WERE reconciled, not will be when Christ returns. Nor is there a conditional clause in connection with anything we are to do. The condition God gives for our reconciliation is Christ’s death in our behalf. Therefore, anything we do or don’t do CANNOT alter our reconciliation to God.

- 1) “Reconciled” or “reconciliation” used 3x in verses 10-11. It means to eliminate all differences, to bring *“back into union or friendship the affections which have been alienated; to restore to favor after estrangement.”* (Noah Webster’s 1828 Dictionary) God reconciled us to himself. He restored, through Christ’s death, the relationship he originally created according to Gen. 1:26-28.

See Luke 15:11-24 about the son who was a sinner and his reunion with his father.

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Rom. 8:31-32 Practice the acceptance of this reality. Don’t let anyone talk you out of *being reconciled to God.*

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Part 4: We Were Reconciled to God

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REVIEW:

while we were enemies

1. We were in a state of being, described as enemies of God.

through the death of his Son

2. The death of God’s Son paid in full the just punishment required for every place that we missed the mark of God’s standard leaving us in perfect standing with God.

we were reconciled to God

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To be reconciled to God is to be reinstated to our God-designed position of pure partnership with Him. To live our reconciliation is to function according to that position.

God, by way of His spirit and the truth, is training us out of evaluating life by our five senses. We’ve been weakened through the conditioning of our thinking by what the world tells us is true. God’s spirit and truth are re-training us into unadulterated partnership with God.

We’ve been reconciled to God through the death of His Son. You are an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ. Can you see yourself making the statement our Lord did in John 17:10, **“...all things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine...”** Then carefully view the rest of John 17.

It’s not you alone – ever, it’s you and your Father. See Acts 3:1-8. What you have freely received, freely give. Consider the gift of holy spirit. It was poured out unto us (Acts 2:33) and it flows forth from us:

“He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” (Joh 7:38 RSV)

“And he ... and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity.” (Mt 10:1 RSV)

“All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and earth.” Matthew 28:18

“When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.” (Mt 9:8 RSV)

Since by the one man’s trespass, death reigned as a king through that one man, how much more will those who take hold of the abundance of the grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign as a king in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. (Ro 5:17)

We WERE in the state of being enemies of God. We COULDN'T get ourselves out of this horrific state. At that time Jesus Christ died for us, eliminating every problem, every difference between us and God. By his death he restored us to God's favor, leaving us in union with God. This is to be reconciled to God by the death of his Son. Now ones who believe are living these realities to the point we bring God's wholeness, his deliverance, his resources, his authority, etc. to situations and people.

God is our Father. He is training us into being a pure manifestation of Him here upon earth.

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