



Five Sermons on Romans 5:
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“More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received **reconciliation**.”

I. Definition of “Reconciliation”

- “A change in relationship or attitude from enmity to peace . . . Reconciliation is a central doctrine of Christianity. Specifically, in Christ, God reconciled the sinful, hostile world to himself by Christ’s taking upon himself the cost of our hostility and enmity, thereby setting the world free to **restored union with God**.
- The foundational assumption of the gospel is that only God can bear and remove the consequences of human enmity toward God and the resulting separation from God; therefore, **God alone can effect this change in relationship.**” (*The Pocket Dictionary of Theological Terms*)
- “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost”(Luke 19:10 ESV).

II. Illustration of “Reconciliation”: The Parable of the Prodigal Son

- And he said, “There was a man who had two sons.
- ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them.
- ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.
- ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.
- ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. (Luke 15:11-16)

II. Illustration of “Reconciliation”: The Parable of the Prodigal Son

- “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!
- ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.””
- ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. **But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him.** (Luke 15:17-20)

II. Illustration of “Reconciliation”: The Parable of the Prodigal Son

- And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’
- ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it and let us eat and celebrate.
- ²⁴ For this **my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.**’ And they began to celebrate. (Luke 15:21-24)

Lessons learned along the way

- Self-centeredness gets in the way
- A desire for “shiny things” gets in the way
- Pride gets in the way
- God allows us to experience the consequences of our chosen way
- Repentance is the turning to a different way
- God provides a better way
- Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life (John 14:6)

Lessons learned along the way

- **The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price:**
- “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it” (Matthew 13:45-46).

Lessons learned along the way

- The Prodigal Son lost all he had, yet gained the one thing that really mattered: his reconciliation with the Father
- Hold onto things of this world lightly so as to receive with open hands God's gift of salvation through faith in His son, Jesus Christ.
- Jesus gave all He had, even to death on the cross, to claim the pearl of great price: us!

III. Application of “Reconciliation”

- **Reconciliation Upward: Peace with God**
- “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1).
- The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing. (Zephaniah 3:17)

III. Application of “Reconciliation”

- **Reconciliation Inward: Fellowship with Believers**
- “And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.
- ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.
- ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit” (Ephesians 2:17-22).

III. Application of “Reconciliation”

- **Reconciliation Outward: Sharing the Good News to All the World**
- “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
- ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and **entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.**
- ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Corinthians 5:17-20).

Reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ

- “all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.
- ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him **to reconcile to himself** all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross” (Colossians 1:16b-20).



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