

和好 Reconciliation

哥林多后书5:18-21; 罗马书 5:1-11; 以弗所书 2:16; 歌罗西书 1:20及下文; 罗马书 11:28.

“和好、和解”的意思是两个团体或个体之间的关系由“敌对”转变为“和谐与平安”。

上帝与人类之间已经彼此隔离了，那是因为人类犯罪的缘故。有罪的人与圣洁的上帝之间，并不存在一个友善的关系。罗马书 5:10, 以弗所书 2:16, 以及歌罗西书 1:21

都教导我们说，因为罪的缘故，神与人之间乃是彼此敌对的关系。有罪的人类乃是常常处于上帝的震怒之下。

耶稣基督死在十字架上，（父神将全世界的罪都摆放在基督的身上），为人类的罪付出了赎金，乃是用自己的生命之代价。神使无罪的基督为罪人成为了罪，为要使得那些信靠主的人，在基督里成为神的义。

靠着基督，我们的罪得着了赦免，于是我们就获得了拯救，也就可以与上帝建立一个平安与和谐的关系。如果不是基督替我们的罪而受死，我们这些罪人就是毫无指望的。本来的情况是，所有的人类的自然的结局就是在火湖（那个完全没有神的地方）当中度过永恒。但是，现在罪人能够通过对于主耶稣基督的信靠，从而被拯救，得以脱离上帝的愤怒与审判，请参见罗马书 5:8及下文。

这些经文告诉我们，上帝已经与信主的人和好了，正如罗马书5:10所说的。因为基督已经在十字架上成就了赦罪之恩，使得上帝能够接纳所有那些信靠基督的人，也就是那些把基督当成自己救主的所有的罪人们。

并且这些经文还告诉我们，一旦有人信靠了基督，他与上帝之间就完全和好了，就能够来享受上帝所赐下的那份和睦的关系。上帝与信徒之间又能够开始那美好的互动，彼此又能够同心同行和自由沟通了，正如罗马书5:1所言。

另外，这些经文又告诉我们，上帝乃是主动让人与自己和解的，建基于基督在十字架上的死亡和牺牲，正如哥林多后书 5:18及下文所说的。

诚然，基督在十字架上的死亡，并且因之而来的“罪得赦免”，都是真实的。但是，这些真理，对于一位罪人来说，只有当他相信福音（也就是基督已经替罪人受死了的那个好消息）的时候，才能够在这位罪人的身上发生功效。人类必须相信，必须亲自接受，那份白白的礼物，才能够恢复与上帝的美好关系，也就是得到和解。当一位罪人相信这个福音的时候，上帝就不再记念这人的罪了，就全都一笔勾销了。这个人就开始与上帝和好，并且是永永远远地和好了。

让我们今天都来信靠基督，接受这位救主吧！让我们与上帝之间的关系得着恢复，在平安与喜乐当中与神同行，来与神倾心畅谈吧！千万不要再等待和拖延下去，因为时不我待，我们在上帝面前接受审判的日子已经越来越近了。

Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 5:1-11; Ephesians 2:16; Colossians 1:20f; Romans 11:28.

Reconciliation means a change of relationship from hostility to harmony and peace between two parties.

God and man were alienated from one another due to man's sin. Sinful man does not have a relationship with God. Romans 5:10, Ephesians 2:16, and Colossians 1:21 all teach that there is enmity between God and man due to sin. Man was the object of God's wrath.

Jesus Christ died on the cross, (God the Father placed all of the sins of the world on Christ), and He paid the penalty for sin, which is death. God made Christ sin for sinful man that believing man might become the righteousness of God in Christ.

Christ's forgiveness of sins made it possible for man to be saved and have a peaceful and harmonious relationship with God. Without Christ's death for sin, there was no hope for sinful man. Man would spend eternity in the Lake of Fire, but now sinful man can believe in Christ and be saved from God's wrath and judgment, Romans 5:8f.

These passages of Scripture teach that God is reconciled to man, Romans 5:10. God is ready to receive sinful man's faith in Christ as His Savior because of Christ's forgiveness of sins.

Also these passages teach that both God and man are reconciled once man believes in Christ and receives the reconciliation that God has provided for him. God and man can have a relationship, they can come together and talk, Romans 5:1

And also these passages teach that God took the initiative to reconcile man to Himself based on Christ's death on the cross, 2 Corinthians 5:18f.

Now Christ's death on the cross and forgiveness of sins is real but it is not applied to sinful man until he believes the Gospel, the good news that Christ did die for his sins. Man must believe, he must receive the free gift of reconciliation. Once sinful man believes this Gospel God no longer counts his sins against him. Man is reconciled to God and the good effects are for all eternity.

Believe in Christ as Savior today. Be at peace with God so you can walk with God and talk with Him. Don't delay; time is fast approaching your judgment day before God.