

RECONCILIATION

Reference: **Colossians 1:20-23**

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This message addresses the doctrinal word called reconciliation. Reconciliation describes a spiritual transaction that is invisible, non-experiential, irreversible, unrepeatable, and happens simultaneous to salvation.

Definition: A sinner comes to God as an _____ and through **reconciliation**, he becomes a _____. The result is that there is now peace between God and the sinner because through reconciliation man is no longer at war against God.

In **Colossian one** Paul discusses reconciliation and four facts about reconciliation.

ONE...there's the human _____ to be reconciled.
verse twenty (see screen)

Definition: The actual word "reconcile" means "to meet again...to be reunited...to be at _____, etc."

verse twenty-one (see screen)

Reference: **Romans 5:10** (see screen)

There are different Greek words that are each translated into English as the word reconciliation:

- The first Greek word is "*daillassomai*" and means to change from estrangement to friendship _____ who have both been at odds against one another. This is considered a _____ - _____ reconciliation.
- The second Greek word is "*katallasso*" and means it is just _____ who is at odds against someone else and it is that disgruntled person that needs to be reconciled to the other innocent person. This is a _____ reconciliation. That is the particular Greek word that describes man's reconciliation to God and is illustrated in the parable of the prodigal son.

Reference: **Luke 15:11-32**

TWO...there's the _____ of reconciliation.

verse twenty and **twenty-two** (see screen)

Reconciliation has been made possible through the _____ of Jesus on the cross resulting in the _____ of His human flesh.

Principle: The blood of an innocent substitutionary _____ had to be shed in death on behalf of the sinner in order make forgiveness possible.
Reference: **Leviticus 17:11**; **John 10:17-18**; **Hebrews 9:22** (see screen)

THREE...there's the _____ God has reconciled us.

verse twenty-two continued (see screen)

Position (someone's spiritual position) is what we are in **His** (God's) **sight**...our spiritual position is **how God** _____.

Practice (someone's ongoing spiritual practice) is what we are in **man's sight** ...our practice is how **other people** _____.

verse twenty "*and by Him (Jesus) to reconcile **all things** to Himself (God the Father)...*"

That phrase "*all things*" presents a problem. Some people extrapolate from that phrase a doctrine called **ultimate reconciliation** or **universal reconciliation**. This is the idea that God is ultimately going to reconcile all people to Himself meaning bring all people to Himself in salvation. This is a similar but different teaching called universalism.

Definition: **Classic universalism** teaches that _____ are valid and ultimately result in eternal salvation for their constituents.

Definition: **Universal** or **ultimate reconciliation** teaches that _____ is the one and true religion and that because of Jesus's sacrifice on the cross all people will be saved in this life or after this life.

- The "*all things*" mentioned here as being reconciled is a reference to all things that are _____.
Reference: **Revelation 20:10**

- God reconciles all things to Himself if those things in question meet the _____ to be reconciled (to God).

The biblical requirement to being reconciled is to at some point during this lifetime _____ on Jesus and receive reconciliation in salvation.

Reference: **John 3:36** (see screen)

FOUR...there's the tangible _____ that someone has been reconciled.

verse twenty-three (see screen)

Question: What is the tangible evidence of genuine reconciliation?

Answer: The evidence of genuine reconciliation is Christian _____.

Continuance is one of the tangible visible characteristics of a true Christian.

Reference: **I John 2:18-19** (see screen)