

Living Reconciliation

Sunday Sermon

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- I. **Introduction**
 - a. Example of Reconciliation in the World
 - b. Abstract Transaction
 - c. God's Reconciliation of the Saint
 - d. The Teaching of Reconciliation in Scripture

- II. **The Context of Reconciliation**
 - a. The Future of Believer after Death (In Light of Bodily Separation), vss. 1-10
 - i. The Heavenly Body
 - ii. The Provided Security of Saints in Present
 - iii. The Present Struggle in Light of Future Reward
 - b. The Present Response of Saints, vss. 11-17
 - i. The Reaction to Men
 - ii. The Reflection of Christ

- III. **The Ministry of Reconciliation**
 - a. Reconciliation Provided to the Believer through Christ, vs. 18
 - i. The Definition of Reconciliation
 1. Katallasso¹
 2. CDJ – to bring an account that was once in deficit into balance
 - ii. The Work of Reconciliation, Rom. 5:10
 1. Mankind was indebted to God through Adam's trespass
 2. God sent Jesus to be the satisfaction of this debt
 3. Those that believe are reconciled to God through Christ
 - b. Reconciliation Lived out in Present
 - i. Ministry
 1. Diakonia²
 - a. The Church Office – Deacon
 - b. The Spiritual Gift – Ministry
 - c. The Role of the Believers – Ministry
 2. CDJ – performing a spiritual service to God in accordance with the leading of the Spirit
 - ii. Pertaining to Reconciliation

¹ Friberg -- 15195 **καταλλάσσω** 1aor. κατήλλαξα; 2aor. pass. κατηλλάγην; as restoring relationship between individuals or between God and man *reconcile, change from enmity to friendship* (2C 5.18); passive *be or become reconciled* (RO 5.10)

² Friberg -- 6258 **διακονία, ας, ή** (1) generally *service* (HE 1.14); (2) as charitable giving *aid, support, arrangement for provision* (AC 6.1); (3) as preparing meals *servicing, preparation* (LU 10.40); (4) as the role or position of one serving God in a special way *task, office, ministry* (RO 12.7; 1T 1.12)

1. The opportunity for the Apostles to show provided reconciliation through life demonstration
2. The opportunity comes from the living in Christ and Christ being seen in you
3. The opportunity is demonstrated through the gifts of the Believer and routine manner of life
4. The opportunity is provided for Spirit Beings to also learn about reconciliation through the Believer (cf. Eph. 3:10)

IV. **The Word of Reconciliation**

- a. The Word Explained
 - i. Logos
 - ii. CDJ – a discourse
 - iii. The discourse pertaining to reconciliation
- b. The Instructional Responsibility
 - i. Provided for the Apostles the responsibility for teaching and demonstrating the benefits of reconciliation
 - ii. Imparted also as an opportunity for those who received it to live it out

V. **The Ambassadorship of Christ**

- a. Ambassador³
 - i. From the same root as the word for “Elder”
 - ii. The Verbal form of the word: “We are mentoring” (The Elder Statesmen to a younger)
- b. The Message
 - i. Be Reconciled to Christ
 - ii. Facts
 1. Preaching to a Believing Audience
 2. Already Reconciled at Salvation
 3. Exhorting to Start Living as Reconciled

VI. **Conclusion:**

³ Thayer’s -- 4386 **πρεσβεύω**
πρεσβεύω; (πρέσβυς an old man, an elder (Curtius, p. 479; Vanicek, p. 186));

1. *to be older, prior by birth or in age* ((Sophocles), Herodotus and following).
2. *to be an ambassador, act as an ambassador:* 2 Cor. 5:20; Eph. 6:20, ((Herodotus 5, 93 at the beginning), Aristophanes, Xenophon, Plato, and following).*