

## **Be ye reconciled to God!**

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*2 Corinthians 5:20*

**Why would God send someone to you with this message of reconciliation? Because, although most people do not consider themselves enemies of God, or even separated from Him; we are all separated from Him by our sin.**

*“But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.” Isaiah 59:2*

*“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” Romans 3:23*

**Consider your own life in light of God's perfect standard of righteousness- the Ten Commandments. If you are honest with yourself, you will see that you have sinned against God many times, and in many ways.**

**These sins may seem small or insignificant to you, but God sees them as fatal.**

*“For the wages of sin is death;” Romans 6:23*

**Breaking just one is the same as breaking them all in His eyes.**

*“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.” James 2:10*

**Because God is holy and perfect, He simply cannot be in the presence of any sin.**

**He cannot allow sin into the place where he is; which means that if we die in our current state, we will remain separated from God for all eternity. We will not be permitted into Heaven when we die, but will be sent to Hell.**

**Many people who come to recognize this truth try to make up for their sins and bridge this separation by the things they do. They often sincerely believe that acts of righteousness like going to church, praying, being baptized, or just being good can put them back into a right relationship with God. His word tells us that they cannot.**

*“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;” Isaiah 64:6*

**Because we are all sinners, even the “good” things we try to do are stained with our sin and unacceptable to God.**

*“... every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.” Matthew 7:17*

**If we cannot bridge the separation by our own efforts, then how can we be reconciled to God?**

*“... we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.”*

*1 John 4:14*

**God sent his own Son to save us from our sin and to reconcile us to Himself!**

*“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8*

**Jesus Christ, the only begotten of the Father, became a man, and lived a perfect life without sin. He willingly suffered and died on the cross to pay the sin debt we owe.**

*“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” 2 Corinthians 5:21*

**If we repent and put our faith in Christ and what He has done on our behalf, we can be saved from the penalty of our sin and reconciled to God.**

*"...and without shedding of blood is no remission [forgiveness of sins]." Hebrews 9:22*

**Only through His sacrifice can we be forgiven of our sin.**

**Any who continue trusting in their own sacrifices of righteousness cannot be saved. Only those who are willing to see themselves as sinners in need of a Savior can be saved.**

*"When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Mark 2:17*

**We must repent and put our faith in Christ alone. That means that we must humble ourselves by acknowledging our sin and turning from it, renouncing our efforts to save ourselves, and trust in the only one who can save us, and that is Jesus.**

*"And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:" Colossians 1:21-22*

*"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8 & 9*

**Won't you be reconciled to God?**

**Call upon the Lord today, confessing and forsaking your sin, and put your trust in Jesus. He will forgive you and cleanse you from all unrighteousness, and give you eternal life. If you have believed the message of Christ today, find a bible-believing Church, be baptized as a testimony of your faith, and read your bible every day.**

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