

Reconciliation, Atonement

Words Describing Salvation

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I. Reconciliation – What It Is

1. Reconciliation can refer to a change of personal relations between human beings. (1Sa.29:4)
2. Reconciliation in salvation is a change of personal relations between God and man. (2Co.5:18-21)
3. By this change, a state of enmity and estrangement is replaced by one of peace and fellowship. (Rom.5:1-11)
4. The OT term “atonement” is used in the NT with the thought of “Atonement”. (Lev.16; Rom.5:11)

II. Reconciliation – Why It Is Needed

1. Man in his fallen state is rebellious against God. (Col.1:21-22; Rom.8:7-8)
2. Man’s sin has brought God’s enmity against him. (Jam.4:4; Mat.22:36-40; Gal.3:10)
3. Thus God’s righteous wrath is upon man. (Rom.1:18; 2:5,8,9; Eph.2:3; Col.3:6)
4. And so, mankind experiences God’s present judgments. (Rom.1:24-32)
5. Ultimately sinful man will experience the eternal wrath of God. (Rom.2:3,16; Rev.20:11-15)

III. Reconciliation – Who Did It

1. God alone is the One Who has brought about reconciliation. (2Co.5:18; Rom.5:11)

IV. Reconciliation – How It Is

1. God did this on the cross of His Son, Jesus Christ. (2Co.5:18-19,21; Col.1:22; Rom.5:10)
2. This reconciliation is through the blood of Jesus’ cross. (Col.1:20; Rom.5:9)
3. It was not potential, but an actual accomplishment. It guaranteed in time the reconciliation of a people of God’s elect. (Isa.53:4-6,10-12)

V. Reconciliation – How I Enjoy It

1. By the work of Christ on the cross God was reconciled. That is, the elect’s sin was removed from before Him, being judged in Christ. (2Co.5:18-19; Rom.5:11)

2. By faith we experience this reconciliation in our hearts – the cloud of guilt and wrath due to o___ sins being taken away from before us. (2Co.5:20; Rom.5:1)

*It is my responsibility to come by faith to God, trusting in what He has done for sinners like me. (Act.17:30; 20:21; Isa.55:6-7). Flee from the wrath to come. Find shelter and peace with God through Jesus Christ the Lord. (Joh.3:36)

VI. Reconciliation – the Effects It Should Have on the One Reconciled

1. The reconciled are to enjoy true, e___ lasting peace with God. (Rom.5:1; 8:33-39)

2. The reconciled are to s___k the reconciliation of others to God through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. (2Co.5:19-20)

3. The reconciled are to be pe___makers, seeking the reconciliation of others to them and to each other. (Mat.5:9,43-48; 6:12,14-15; 18:15-35; Rom.12:17-21)