

## RECONCILED TO GOD

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Thursday, March 28, 2019

After you spend some time reading and thinking about this Scripture reflect on the following words.

*“So then, from this point on we won’t recognize people by human standards. ...if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation.” Verses. 16-17*

Through Paul, Christ is telling us that once we accept the love of God we are as new creatures, our “slates have been wiped clean.” All slates, which includes yours and your neighbors’.

Does this Scripture stir something in you? Do you feel the power in these words?

Do you feel a little tug on your heart, a slight uneasiness in the pit of your stomach as the words sink in? Why do you think that is?

Look again at verses 18 and 19. *“God reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”*

Reconcile means to “reestablish a close relationship between” God and ourselves. It also means “to reconnect and become compatible between” yourself and others.

This is the time of year when we celebrate the sacrifice Christ made for us. It is also a perfect time for us to remember God’s request to reconcile our close relationships with Him. Remember the Scripture said that all things are new in Christ? That means our personal relationships with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are to be as new again.

And, we are to reconcile (or become compatible) with the people in our lives. All of the people in our lives. Can you do that? Can you begin again to live in peace with others, and put away all judgment?

Can you treat all people as equals in God’s eyes? Can you love your neighbor as yourself?

Slowly and thoughtfully work through the Scripture one more time. Pray over it asking God to guide you and give you strength to follow the Words.

And have faith. God will answer that prayer.

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