



Reconciliation Day

Easter

Selected Scriptures

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Theme: **Jesus' Death and Resurrection Provide Real, Everlasting Reconciliation.**

Our need for reconciliation.

1. The unpleasant reality: our relationship with God.
(John 17:9; Romans 3:23; 5:10; 8:7; Ephesians 2:12; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:5-6; Revelation 20:11-15)
2. The great problem: a gap we cannot bridge.
(Romans 5:6; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Ephesians 2:1, 12)

God's provision of reconciliation.

1. Jesus has bridged the gap.
(John 14:6; Ephesians 2:4-10; 5:8-10; Colossians 1:19-20; 1 Timothy 2:5-6)
2. Jesus has bridged the gap for you.
(John 3:15-16; Romans 1:16; 1 John 4:15; 5:1)

The results of reconciliation.

1. Saved completely from sin.
(Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34; Micah 7:19; Romans 6:14, 23; Galatians 3:13; Hebrews 7:25; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 3:2)
2. Reconciled completely to God.
(John 1:12; 15:13-15; Romans 5:10; 8:17; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 2:12; James 2:23; 1 John 3:1; Revelation 5:10)

In My Life This Week

Monday. On this Easter Monday think about God's reconciliation of you — all possible and real because of Jesus' Christ's death and resurrection. Thank God for your "so great" salvation.

Tuesday. Reconciliation in Jesus means you are saved completely from your sin — all your sin and its penalty as well as sin's control over you. Thank God you no longer have to be a victim of sin. Read Romans 8:31-39, focusing on the victory Jesus provides. If there are areas in which you struggle, read the verses from the outline sheet and those from Romans 8 with these in mind.

Wednesday. One amazing aspect of being reconciled to God is that He—the eternal, almighty, holy One—now calls us His friends. God is always to be given His reverence, yet He chooses to see His faithful people as His friends. Have you accepted this truth for yourself? If you struggle with this, go to the verses in the outline frequently, even memorize them.

Thursday. Having been reconciled to God, we are then given the privilege and responsibility of being ambassadors of Christ's reconciliation to the lost and to those in the family of God who are alienated from Him or each other. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 and think about your ministry of reconciliation.

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to return to the series in the book of Genesis. We will look at *Faith in Action* from Joseph, in chapters 39 - 41 and 47. Read through these verses in preparation for Sunday.