

Reconciliation with Others – Kilby Study

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

- Because of the love Christ has for us, and because we accept his love and in turn begin to love him more, it compels us no longer live like we used to.
- The change begins in our minds on the inside.
 - I think that if Christ loved me enough to die for me, then I died too. The old me died.
 - He died for me so that I would no longer live just for me and for what I want to do and for how I want to live.
 - I now live for him because he died for me and still lives today. I owe God that much for the great gift and hope that he has given me.
 - I understand He loves me like that, to give himself up for me. So, I give myself away.

¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

- Because of his love and new mind, I don't look at people like I used to in the flesh. I see them more like Christ sees them.
- I found Christ in my flesh, but now I know him spiritually.
- Anyone who is in Christ is brand new. Not just knowing Christ in the flesh or on the outside. This is more than just going to church; this is knowing him on the inside and having the mind of Christ. When I'm in Christ, he's in me and I start to think like Christ and see things like Christ sees them....I've got a new mind and new way of thinking.
- When you are brand new, old stuff doesn't follow you. Not on you anymore. All things are new. Remember this is happening on the inside in the spirit realm so while I might look the same on the outside, I don't operate the same on the inside.
 - The old me or my old way of thinking you might have gotten cut, but that attitude has passed away.
- So now everything I'm trying to do are of God or for Him. So since I'm flowing now with God through the life I have in Christ, I'm reconciled with God. I'm together with God.
 - How did that happen? When I got right with Jesus, that set me up to get right with God.

- I didn't have a relationship with God before; I did my own thing. But now because I believe that Christ died for me and loves me and has given me new life, God forgives me and I'm back straight with Him.
- Jesus is God's son, and if you straight with His boy then you become God's boy and we all straight.

Commentary (David Guzik) -- This is the greatest foundation for ministry, wanting to give *something* to others because Jesus gave you *everything*. When we really receive the **love of Christ**, it touches us and makes us want to serve others.

DG – New doesn't mean perfect, it means changed.

Spurgeon – the love of Christ has power.

Calvin – He died for us, I live for Him.

- The ministry of reconciliation – what is that? He gives that to us. So, since Christ has hooked us up with God, and we are following Jesus' example, we also follow him into ministry. So the same thing Jesus did for us, we do for others. The same way we got hooked up, we try to get others hooked up. We are called to hook others up with Christ.
 - How? By following the same four steps we took to become saved and brand new.
 - Remember, we no longer live just for ourselves, we live for Him and that means we put in that work that He has called us to do....reconcile others.
- Paul breaks down what this reconciliation ministry is all about:
 - God was in Christ and through Christ, the sins of the world are forgiven. When we accept the gift that God gives us through His son, we are straight with Him. He doesn't hold our sins or past mistakes against us anymore.
 - So what is next? We are given the task of reconciling or bringing others to Christ so they can be straight with God as well and be saved.
 - How do we do that? Paul says it is through the word. The word of reconciliation. The word that we share, the good news of the Gospel is the word that people need to hear so by faith, they can trust in the word of God and believe in Jesus and have their sins forgiven so they can be straight with God.
 - In other words, I'm trying to hook you up through the word.

²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- We are ambassadors or representatives for Christ working on his behalf. God works through us as His representatives.

- I'm trying to sell you Jesus so I want to convince you on Christ's behalf that if you haven't been straight with God before and you want to be forgiven and have a new start and a new hope and a bright future....let me show you the way.
- Jesus paid the price and when we accept his gift and forgiveness, we fall into right standing with God.
- Hear that, after all of this, we can get right with God!
- By faith, I believe in the life of Jesus and that he died for me. I was guilty, and he has taken my place so I don't have to face the judgement to come. I owe him, big time, for setting me free and saving my life, so I give myself away, so He can use me.

Other reference scriptures:

- Ephesians 4:32
- James 1:19-20
- Matthew 6:14-15
- Matthew 18:21-22

Luke 17

17 Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no ^[a]offenses should come, but woe to *him* through whom they do come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should ^[b]offend one of these little ones. ³Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins ^[c]against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns ^[d]to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

⁵ And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

⁶So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'? ⁸But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded ^[e]him? I think not. ¹⁰So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.' "

Father's Day Message

Ephesians 6



Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. ²Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; ³That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

⁴And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.