

The Riches of Reconciliation

Ephesians 2:14-18

A. Man's Self-Inflicted Deplorable State of _____

1. Man's Deplorable Condition

- a. Dead (_____) in trespasses (2:5)
- b. Alienated and estranged from God & His promises (2:12)
- c. Without Christ (2:12)
- d. Without _____ (2:12)
- e. In the world (2:12)
- f. Far off (2:13)
- g. Having no _____ (2:12)
- h. Enemies of God (2:16)

2. Man's Direct _____

- a. Man is wholly responsible & to blame for this alienated condition/separation (Isa. 59:1-2; Col. 1:21)!
- b. God is in no way responsible for the separation!

3. Man's Deepest Cry

- a. _____!
- b. Means "to change down, change thoroughly, to exchange"
- c. A change in personal relationship between estranged parties
- d. The essence of reconciliation (a change from death to life):



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B. Man's God-Gifted Rich State of Reconciliation

1. God's Rich _____

- a. He loves us (2:4) and graciously wants to save us (2:5)
- b. Save us IN CHRIST JESUS (2:13)
- c. Make us _____ together with Christ (2:5)
- d. Raise us up together with Christ (2:6)
- e. Make us sit together in Christ Jesus (2:6)
- f. Show _____ riches of His grace in Christ (2:7)
- g. Make us a new man in Himself (2:15)
- h. Bring us near (2:13)
- i. Be our peace (2:14), make peace (2:15), offer peace (2:17)
- j. Make us one in the one body (2:16)
- k. Put to death the _____ between us and God (2:16)
- l. Grant access (personal relationship) to the Father (2:18)
- m. Make us fellow citizens in the _____ (2:19)

2. God's Rich Work

- a. God is not the one who needs to be reconciled to man, but man needs reconciliation to God
- b. God was the only One who could _____ reconciliation
- c. God had done nothing to cause the separation
- d. Man could do nothing to effect reconciliation
- e. God is the One doing the _____, while we were:
 - ...Dead in trespasses, alienated and separated from Him
 - ... _____ to do anything ourselves (for ourselves)
 - ...Under God's wrath
 - ...Helpless (Rom. 5:6), sinners (5:8), _____ of God (5:10)

3. God's Rich Love (2:4)

- a. God's great love prompted His rich grace/mercy to _____
- b. God needed someone to reconcile His enemies back to Him
- c. Man's reconciliation to God is only made possible:
 - ...Through Christ (_____) – 2:13-16, 18; 2 Cor. 5:18-19
 - ...Through the Death of Christ (vicarious) – 2:13, 16; Rom. 5:10
 - ...Through the _____ of Christ (violent) – 2:13; Rom. 5:9, 11
 - ...Through the Cross of Christ (vicious) – 2:16; Rom. 5:6-10
 - ...Into the Church of Christ (victorious) – 2:16; Col. 1:24
- d. Man must accept God's reconciliation on God's terms:
 - ... A penitent believer _____ be baptized (Rom. 5:6-11; 6:1-18)
 - ... Once reconciled, we must remain in faithful union (2 Cor. 5:20)

Conclusion:

A. I'm Rich in Peace because I'm a Friend!

B. So What? Now What? We have "the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:18-20)

- Our _____: "The ministry of reconciliation" is evangelism (5:18)
- Our message: "The word of reconciliation" is the gospel (5:19)
- Our _____: "Be reconciled to God" is the invitation (5:20)