

## God's Wonderful Words of Life Series by D. Lavell Lee

### Message Seven

- Reconciliation
- Ro. 5:10-11, II Cor. 5:14-21, Col. 1:19-22

**Rom 5:10-11** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. **11** And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

**2Co 5:14-21** For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: **15** And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. **16** Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. **17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. **18** And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. **20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. **21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**Col 1:19 -22** For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; **20** And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. **21** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled **22** In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

In Luke 15:11-32 we read the sad story of a disrespectful son who did not wish to wait for his father's death to receive his inheritance. He demanded his portion which his kind father granted. He separated himself from his father and wasted his substance and life and found himself in dire circumstances. He was alienated from his father and far from home. But he knew about his father's goodness so he repented and headed home, hoping to have only the privilege of being a servant for his father. But you know the story, he was received by his father with open arms and enjoyed complete restoration. In a word, he was reconciled to his father and so it is with us who are saved, we are reconciled to God.

### **FIRST The basic meaning of reconciliation**

Greek-Katallasso, kat al las so, Strong's 2644 Means to change. The fundamental idea in Biblical usage is that there is a standard to which someone has to be adjusted and changed to. God is the standard and the sinner has to be adjusted or reconciled to him.

**2Co 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation**

## **SECOND The meanness of the lost sinner**

**Col 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled**

The need for the lost sinner to be reconciled to God is clearly set forth in this verse. The lost sinner is charged with being alienated from God and in fact is called an enemy in his mind by the very nature of his wicked works. Ephesians 2:2-3, and 2:12-13 enlarge upon this fact.

**Eph 2:2-3 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.**

**Eph 2:12-13 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.**

What strong words, “no hope, without God, far off”. In fact Ephesians 2:1 says we were dead in trespasses and sins.

**Eph 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;**

## **THIRD The means of reconciliation for the lost sinner**

**Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.**

1. Yes, the means of our being reconciled to God is the blood that Jesus Christ shed on the cross for us.
2. God has reconciled the believing sinner unto himself for he himself is the standard and it should be carefully noted that it is the sinner that is reconciled to God and not the other way around.

## **FOURTH The measure of reconciliation**

The effect of reconciliation is experienced and expressed in and through the heart and life of a sinner that has become reconciled to God. This effect is for the rest of the earthly life of the believer and continues in the eternal future ages.

1. He is made alive spiritually by the very life of God being infused into him when he was born again by God.

**Eph 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;**

**Eph 4:24** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

**2Co 5:17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new

2. He is infused by the very love of God and he loves God, other Christians, and lost sinners.

**Rom 5:1** Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: **2** By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **3** And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; **4** And patience, experience; and experience, hope: **5** And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

**2Co 5:14** For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: **15** And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

**Col 1:27-29** To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: **28** Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: **29** Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

3. His life flow and direction now comes from God.

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4. He is now viewed by God in Christ Jesus as being a holy person.

**Col 1:21-22** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled **22** In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

#### **FIFTH The ministry of reconciliation**

We who have been reconciled by God, unto himself, have a responsibility to tell lost sinners about God's salvation that is available to them.

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Reconciled, what a wonderful truth. I once was alienated from God, but now I have been brought into a right relationship with God. My life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Col 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

I have been reconciled to God through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross who died in my place and on my behalf. Thank you, Lord Jesus.

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**Sinner, we invite you to come to God for salvation through Jesus Christ.**

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