

Delighting in a Reconciled Account

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

If you believe in Christ....

- How do you EVALUATE your RIGHTEOUSNESS?
- Do you rest in GOD'S WORK or is there no rest from YOUR WORK?
- How does your RECONCILED sin account make you an AMBASSADOR of Christ?

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. This week Aaron shared about our outreach ministry. How can you partner with what God is doing around the world to help fulfil Matthew 28:19-20?
2. When you analyze your Christian life, how do you see yourself compared to a Holy God? What measures should you take to reconcile the difference?
3. What does it mean to you in verse 14 and 15, to “no longer live for yourselves but for Him”? And how does the phrase in vs 14, “one has died for all, therefore all died” affect your thoughts about living for Him?
4. Read vs 16 and 17, discuss how we should evaluate the righteousness of one another. How do we reconcile what Christ did in others vs our desire to see good works in them?
5. In verses 18 and 19 whose job is the reconciliation of our sinful condition? Discuss that answer comparing it to our part in the ministry and message of reconciliation. Read also Galatians 5:1.
6. In Acts 2:23, how much of Jesus death on the cross was orchestrated by the hands of sinful man vs the divine purpose of God? How does sinful man, who has no concern for God, still bring about God's will? Think of scripture to back up your answer.
7. When you read vs 21, why was it important that Jesus, 1) knew no sin and 2) had to become sin? How did this act reconcile sinful accounts to zero for believers?
8. When you consider that Jesus' work on the cross reconciled you to God, what does that mean? And knowing this, what should our role be in being an ambassador for Christ, as well as being a minister of reconciliation? (Vs. 18 – 20)

“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!” — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle