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Part 2-Reconciled with one another

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Mountain View Church exists to connect with God and with each other, in Thurston County and beyond, through intentional relationships.

One of our ministry priorities is: Reconciling people to God

Today's Bible Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Today's Big Idea: *When you are in Christ, all that is true of Him changes what is true of you. In Christ, we are reconciled with God and each other.*

1. In Christ, we are reconciled to God.

The enmity was all ours.

Romans 5:10-11 *For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

Colossians 1:21-22 *Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—*

The reconciliation was all God.

Romans 5:10-11

2. In Christ, we are reconciled to each other.

Ephesians 2:11-22 *Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)—¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

Galatians 3:26-28 *So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

See Matthew 5:43-48.

What will I do?

- Be reconciled to God.
- Stop fighting against God.
- Love your enemy.
- Reconcile a broken friendship.

Who will I tell?

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HomeGroup and Personal Study Questions

- Do your best to describe what “reconciliation” means to you. Can you think of a relationship in your life that was once broken and is now reconciled? If yes, how do you consider the state of the relationship now? Do you approach it with caution, considering its once broken condition, or is there no fear because your forgiveness and reconciliation is complete? Explain.
- How do you consider your reconciliation with God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Do you ever feel that God is “cautious” with consideration that you may or may not remain faithful in the relationship? Do you feel you have been fully forgiven of all your faults and trespasses by God? How would you describe a perfectly reconciled relationship with the Godhead?
- What do you think reconciliation is contingent upon in your relationship with God? What do you think reconciliation is contingent upon in your relationship with others? How do you think reconciliation happens?
- Pastor Bill shared from our recent Ephesians series that we are “reconciled to each other” (Eph. 2:11-22); he also shared from Galatians 3:26-28 that we “are all children of God through faith...” The implication is we are all “one” and share union with the Godhead. How would you describe this union? Do you think this union is an inclusion with the Trinity (see John 17:20-24). Explain your thoughts.
- Are there relationships that you have that are in need of reconciliation? Consider 1 John 4:8, 19-21). How will you respond to the call to be reconciled to your brother/sister? How will you respond to “love your enemy?”