

Reconciliation
Romans 5:6-9
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Thesis: I want to remind us of the importance of our reconciliation.

Intro:

1. To be reconciled is to be brought back together.
2. We can be reconciled to someone after an argument or a long absence.
3. But, being brought near to God is the most important reconciliation of all.

I. Man's weakness (Rom 5:6-8)

A. Man is without strength (v.6-7)

1. Man doesn't have the strength to remove his own sins.
2. Man is weak, but God is strong (**Ps 103:13-14**)

B. But God... (v.8)

1. God shows his love for man so many times and in so many ways.
 - a. Verse 8 is just one example
2. We were still sinners still weak, when Christ died for us because of our sins.

II. God's strength (Rom 5:9-10)

A. Through Him (v.9)

1. We are saved from the wrath that sin brings.
2. We are saved through Christ, by Christ and no one else.

B. Reconciled (v.10)

1. We are reconciled to God through the blood of Christ.
2. We are saved by His life, the giving of His life was the price.
 - a. A price that we cannot pay ourselves nor can anyone else.

III. Reason to rejoice (Rom 5:11)

A. Christian have the best reason to be happy (v.11a)

1. Because of what God did for us through Christ we have reasons to rejoice.
2. We, like those healed by Christ, should go on our way rejoicing and telling others the reason for our rejoicing.

B. We have now received reconciliation (v.11b)

1. We have now been brought near to God by Christ.
2. We should help others to do the same (**Eph 2:13**)

Conc:

1. Have you been reconciled to Christ?
2. Don't wait to be brought back to God.
 - a. Do what is required by God before it's too late.

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.