

*“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 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.” 2 Corinthians 5:18-19no2 KJV*



Reconciliation restores harmony. The believer’s “*ministry of reconciliation*” brings God and man back together: Establishes a righteous standard: And makes man accountable to it. It summed up in Jesus Christ who was “*made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.*” He is the omnipotent “*Word (of God) made flesh;*” man’s final Judge, and His Spirit convinces men of unrighteousness before a thrice-holy God! In Christ, the Word we have “*the Word of Reconciliation.*” On a piano, each note is composed of several strings reconciled to a single pitch. We say a piano is “out of tune” when a string or strings becomes unreconciled to the correct pitch. God’s Word is the tuning fork of life causing harmony to exist between God and men when they obey. Believers have the “*ministry of reconciliation.*” The Spirit of Truth tunes their lives to the perfect pitch of righteousness. We are the “in tune” strings that make evident the “out of tune” strings. Jesus was crucified because He made the religious leaders look sinful. They had gotten away with being “out of tune” for centuries, but when the perfect pitch of righteousness came along, He showed what they were, “*whited sepulchres; full of dead men’s bones.*” His perfection made them spots on Truth’s garment. The tiniest spot is clearly visible against a spotless white background. My computer screen looks clean until a program opens with a white background. Then, suddenly all the little tiny spots and smudges become glaringly evident and I am compelled to clean them. Judgment Day is coming soon! Jesus will not come this time as “*the Lamb of God,*” but will return as the “*Lion of the tribe of Judah;*” to judge all against His own pure and spotless Righteousness! All who have not appropriated His righteousness for their own, “*even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe,*” will stand worthy of eternal Hell fire! “*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us! Without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please Him! A friend of the world is the enemy of God.*” If you’re comfortable with sin, you are no friend of God!

He that would live a life of bliss,  
Must live a life of righteousness,  
And reconcile lost men to God,  
By how he walks upon the sod. ~CGP

Those who crucified Christ, who shed innocent blood, persecute the faithful, and do not repent, even though they die, will be resurrected to pay eternally for their crimes! “*And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another Book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And Death and Hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire. He that saith, ‘I know him,’ and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him.*” Reconciliation ends at Christ’s return! Jesus said:

*“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” Revelation 22:11-12 KJV*