

"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 5:18-19 KJV



Reconciled: Brought into friendship from a state of disagreement or enmity. Rescue workers do not assess blame. They are not concerned with how a person came to be in danger, but rather how quickly and safely they can be restored to safety. It matters little if the person's danger was self-induced or precipitated by another. They don't point fingers or threaten punishment. It only matters that danger is eliminated and they risk life and limb to rescue the fallen. Believers have the same God-given responsibility to a lost and dying world! Unbelievers are being swept away by the flood waters of sin, and are only a moment away from plunging forever into the abyss of eternal torment! Most cannot see their own danger. Believers have the only Lifeline that will save them. *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts (keep your heart separated from evil): and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the Hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing."* We must warn, warn, warn! We must risk "life and limb" to ensure we have given the lost every opportunity for eternal safety. We must bring them the Lifeline of the Gospel, convince them of their peril, and compel them to believe lest they forever perish! We are the ministers of the Great Jehovah bringing the message of peace and amnesty to the rebel forces that war against their own souls. It is not our words which compel unbelievers to the Truth, but the Truth, itself, which saves or condemns. *"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. Faith cometh by...the Word of God."* The KING is coming to crush all rebellion and we must reconcile as many of the opposition as we can to prevent their destruction when Judgment falls. We'll have all of eternity to rest and relax. We must *"work for the night is coming when no man can work."* We must earnestly plead with and convince the sinner that God will forgive them and grant them eternal Life. The eternal God created a way to die for our sins so He could save us from wrath to come. God is still reconciling men to Himself through the Body of Christ, the Church, or the assembly of believers. We are to be "witnesses" to His Grace and Love and tell the "whole Truth and nothing but the Truth." Remember the day of your salvation and renew your passion and gratefulness. Believers, like foreigners, are known by the peculiar accent of Truth in their speech!

God forgave us all our sin,
So that we might enter in,
The same Truth that saved our soul,
Will make others truly whole. ~CGP

We are pilgrims and strangers in this world and we are not of this country. If you are comfortable with this world and its reason, if you do not speak like a foreigner, you may not be a citizen of Heaven! Believers are citizens of Heaven and the ambassadors of the KING of Kings!

"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. 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." 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 KJV