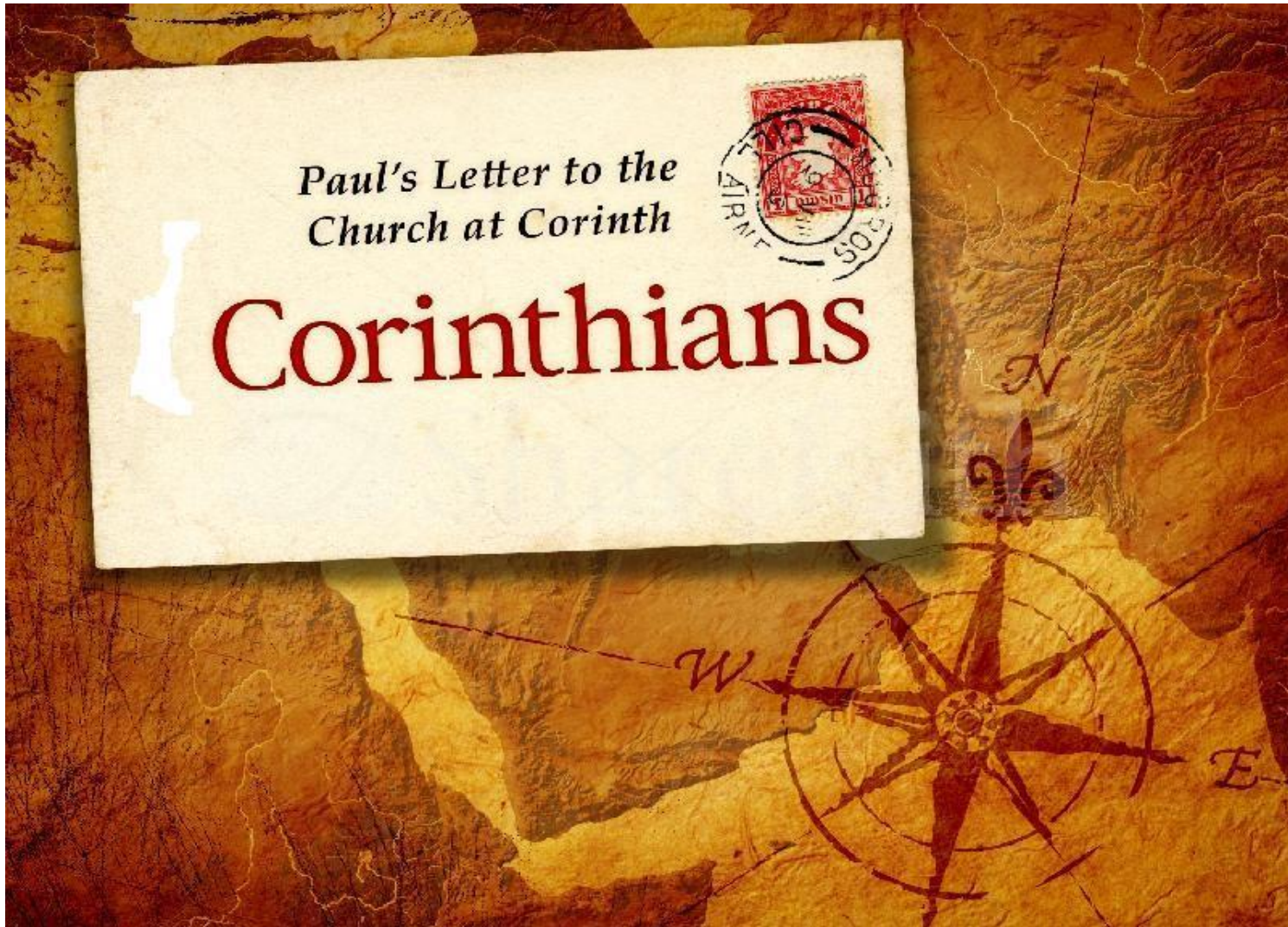


# 2 Cor 5:18-19 God's Reconciliation of Man



## Outline Chp 5:1- 21



- 5:1-4 We Have a Building From God
- 5:5-9 The Spirit As a Pledge and Our Ambition
- 5:10 The Judgment Seat (*Bema*) of Christ
- 5:11-15 The Love of Christ Motivates Us
- 5:16-17 A New Creation
- 5:18-21 The Message of Reconciliation

# Today's Verses



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<sup>17</sup> Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

the old things [have] passed away

old things - *archaios* - of things which are "old" in relation to the new; of what characterized the time previous to conversion Vine

passed away - *parerchomai* - metaphorically, to pass away, to perish – true of the one who is a new creation (aorist, indicative, active)

What are the old things?

- all that we were in Adam
- that which we were enslaved to because of our union in Adam

Hal Molloy

<sup>17</sup> Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

**behold** - lo and behold! - serving to call attention to something Zodhiates

**new** - *kainos* – new in quality

**things have come** – *ginomai* – to come into a new state of being that never existed before

- perfect tense - This is a past completed action with abiding results up into the present and into the future: a permanent change!

lit: all things are become new

**What are the new things?**

- all that we are “in Christ”

Old things have passed away.  
All things have become new.

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### Old Things

- Dead in sin
- Spiritual death
- Lost
- Condemned
- Slave to sin nature
- Under law
- Child of Satan
- Unrighteous

### New Things

- Dead to sin
- Spiritual life
- Saved
- No condemnation
- Slave to Jesus Christ
- Under grace
- Child of God
- Righteous

# Some of the 33 Riches of Divine Grace by Chafer

- Redeemed - Gal 5:1, Rom 3:24, Eph 1:7
- Reconciled – 2 Cor 5:19-21
- Forgiven All Trespases – Col 2:13, Eph 1:7, Eph 4:32
- Justified – Rom 5:1, Rom 3:26
- Made Near – Eph 2:13
- Delivered From the Power of Darkness – Col 1:13
- Translated Into the Kingdom of the Son of His Love –  
Col 1:13
- On the Rock, Christ Jesus – 1 Cor 3:11, Eph 2:20
- A Gift From God the Father to Christ – John 17:2-24
- Glorified – Col 3:4, Rom 8:30
- Complete in Him – Col 2:9,10



# What does Reconcile mean in the Bible?

## Reconcile:

to restore to friendship or harmony – typically each party will give a little to reach harmony (dictionary def.)

## Bible usage:\*

- Reconciliation means that someone or something is thoroughly changed and adjusted to something which is a standard [God].
- Since the position of the world before God is completely changed through the death of Christ, God's own attitude toward man can no longer be the same.
- He [God] is prepared to deal with souls now in the light of what Christ has accomplished.

\* Chafer



<sup>18</sup> Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

Now all *these things* are from God

*now* - *de* - Paul now emphasizes his point

*all things* - *pas* – all none excluded

*are from* - *ek* – out of God as a source

- 1 Cor 11:12c --- and all things originate from God

What “*things*” in the context is he referring to?

- from verse 17 it is the “new things!”

But the aforementioned all things are from God as a source.

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<sup>18</sup> Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

the one having reconciled **us** to himself through Christ

Interlinear

the one – God the Father

Paul now gives us five aspects of God's reconciliation plan:

**1<sup>st</sup>**- having reconciled -*katallassō* –past point fact–aorist participle

- to change from enmity to friendship
- with regard to the relationship between God and man
- it [*katallassō*] shows that primarily "reconciliation" is what God accomplishes

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- Rom 5:10a For if [assumed true] while **we** were enemies **we** were reconciled to God through the death of His Son,

<sup>18</sup> Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

- Rom 5:10b much rather, having been reconciled, we shall be saved in [the power of] his life. Darby

reconciled **us** “to Himself”

- This is God’s desire out of His great love!
- Eph 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ **to Himself**, according to the kind intention of His will.
- Acts 2:39 For the promise is for --- all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call **to Himself**.

**only God could do this on man’s behalf!**

<sup>18</sup> Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

**through** (*dia* – by means of) **Christ**

- God is the author of reconciliation & Christ is the mediator of reconciliation.

McCalley

**How God accomplished this!**

- Eph 2:16 and might **reconcile** them both [Jew and Gentile] in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity [between Jew & Gentile].
- Col 1:20 and through Him to **reconcile** all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

<sup>18</sup> Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

and [God] having given to **us** the ministry of reconciliation

Interlinear

**2<sup>nd</sup>** - having given – past point fact – aorist participle

to **us** – to believers

the ministry of reconciliation

**This is out from God's grace!**

- However, all believers clearly share this ministry since God has reconciled us all. The word of reconciliation is the gospel message. Constable
- The next verse will explain this ministry that God has given us.

# God's Reconciliation Work (verse 18)

God is the Author of Reconciliation

1<sup>st</sup> - Having Reconciled **us**  
to Himself through Christ

Through the death of His  
Son

Having made peace  
through the blood of His  
cross

2<sup>nd</sup> – Having Given to **us** the Ministry  
of Reconciliation

Past point  
fact about  
all  
believers

<sup>19</sup> namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

**namely** - lit: that is or you could say equals

that God was in Christ

**was** – *eimi* – the state in which someone or something continuously exists – permanent condition

**in** - *en* - a primary preposition denoting (fixed) *position* in place, time or state

- John 10:38b so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.
- this speaks of the unity of Father and Son
- Col 2:9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,



<sup>19</sup> namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> - reconciling the world “to Himself”

reconciling – to change completely - present participle

world – *kosmos* - The inhabitants of the world. These are the ones whom God loved and for whom Christ died (John 3:16). Chafer

- Reconciliation toward man
- Propitiation toward God
- 1 John 2:2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world.

<sup>19</sup> namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Next Paul will tell us how God did it!

**4<sup>th</sup>** - not counting their trespasses against them

**counting** (reckoning) - *logizomai* - to count something to somebody, means to reckon something to a person, to put to his account

- not putting to their account is the idea!

**trespasses** - *paraptōma* - primarily a false step, a blunder – a lapse from uprightness, a sin, a moral trespass

**Who did God reckon our trespasses to?**

<sup>19</sup> namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

**5<sup>th</sup>** - has committed to **us** the word of reconciliation

has committed – *tithēmi* - to place, lay, set, or put

lit: having placed or deposited in **us** – aorist participle,  
past point fact

the “word of reconciliation”

**word** - *logos* - word as the expression of that intelligence,  
discourse - lit: **a message**

- and lodged in us the story of the reconciliation Wuest

# God's Reconciliation Work (verse 19)

God was in Christ

3<sup>rd</sup> – Reconciling the **World**  
to Himself (present tense)

4<sup>th</sup> – not Reckoning to **Unbelievers**  
their Trespasses (present tense)

5<sup>th</sup> – Having put in **us** the Message of  
Reconciliation

The ones  
whom  
God loved  
& for whom  
Christ died

# Final Thoughts\*



- The basis of this total change [of being a new creation] is God's gracious provision of reconciliation in sending His Son to die for us.
- He has brought people to Himself by dealing with our sins in Christ.
- God is the reconciler, and He has reconciled everyone to Himself.
- He has brought everyone into a savable relation to Himself by sending His Son who paid the penalty for sin that separates people from God.

\* Constable

# Final Thoughts\*



- The fact that God has reconciled everyone does not mean that everyone is justified [saved].
- People still need to respond to the offer of salvation by believing the gospel to receive justification.
- Reconciliation removes a barrier to our salvation, but it does not by itself accomplish our salvation. \* Constable