



Reconciled

Romans 5:1-11

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Paul's Theme (verse 1)

1. Why do you think it is so hard to find peace in the world?
2. How is God's peace different from the world's version of peace?
3. How can we have peace with God?
4. How does it make you feel to know that peace with God is possible?

Where We Stand With God (verse 2-5)

1. What does Paul mean by we have "obtained access by faith"?
2. How is this "access" even possible?
3. What does it mean to "rejoice in the hope of the glory of God"?
4. What does it mean that "hope does not put us to shame"?
5. What does it mean that "God's love has been poured out" and the Holy Spirit "has been given to us"?
6. How might what Paul writes about our standing with God help you in the day-to-day circumstances of your life?

How God Relates To Us (verses 6-11)

"to reconcile" = to change, to exchange. The Greek verb (katallasso) means to exchange one currency for another (i.e. dollars for pesos) while making right the differences between the currencies. When used regarding people it means to change from enmity to friendship (i.e. making right the differences between us). In verse 10, the verb is in the aorist tense, meaning it is a completed work that God has done and the effects of which continue even today. The verb is in the passive voice, meaning that God has done this to us without any participation on our part.

1. How does Paul describe our relationship with God before He reconciled us?
2. How does Paul describe our relationship with God as those God has reconciled to Him?
3. How has God reconciled us to Himself?
4. What can being reconciled to God mean for you personally?

Processing....

Consider: Because we have peace with God we can experience the peace of God in the circumstances of our lives.

1. These days how are you experiencing peace with God (or not...) in the circumstances of your life?
2. What steps might you take to realize more of God's peace in your life?
3. All around us are people who are going through the circumstances of life (as we do) who are searching for the peace that can only come from God. How might you (individually and as a group) share with others what it means to you to have peace with God?