

## **THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION By Jarrod Davidoff December 1, 2019**

**II Corinthians 5:18-19** All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ Jesus and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

### **What does reconciliation mean?**

The restoration of friendly relations.

To restore to friendship or harmony

To settle ( to fix or resolve conclusively/ to establish or secure permanently)

### **Reconciliation in accounting terms**

Reconciliation is an accounting process compares two sets of records to check that figures are correct and in agreement. Account reconciliation also confirms that accounts in the general ledger are consistent, accurate, and complete.

Account reconciliation is particularly useful for explaining the difference between two financial records or account balances.

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We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **1) WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD THROUGH JESUS**

**Hebrews 10:4 & 10** For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

## **NO OTHER SAVIOR**

People have asked me if there is another way for people to get to heaven?

**John 14:6** “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**I Corinthians 1:23-24** but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

## **2) HE HAS COMMITTED THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION TO US**

We are responsible for sharing the gospel to every family in Newport Beach and Orange County.

**Matthew 28:18-20** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen

**Mark 16:15-18** And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

**Luke 14:15-24** Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, “Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’ But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’ Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.’ And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’ Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.’ ”

### **3) WE ARE AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST**

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#### **Meaning of Ambassador:**

A person who acts as a representative or promoter of a specified activity.

An accredited diplomat sent by a country as its official representative to a foreign

country.

#### **Meaning of accredited:**

Officially recognized or authorized.

Father God has commisioned us to share the gospel throughout Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, ends of the earth

Part of being an ambassador is that the president gives you authority in a region. Well God is our president and given us a region called earth.