

What does it mean to be reconciled?

- **“of persons, "to change from enmity to friendship, to reconcile." With regard to the relationship between God and man, the use of this and connected words shows that primarily "reconciliation" is what God accomplishes, exercising His grace towards sinful man on the ground of the death of Christ in propitiatory sacrifice under the judgment due to sin” – Vine’s**
- **“that we were "enemies" not only expresses man's hostile attitude to God but signifies that until this change of attitude takes place men are under condemnation, exposed to God's wrath. The death of His Son is the means of the removal of this, and thus we "receive the reconciliation,“” – Vine’s**

Why do I need to be reconciled?

- **Because, before reconciliation, I am an enemy of God by sin – Rom. 8:7; Jas. 4:4; Gal. 5:20**
- **In order to be reconciled, I must come to, and continue in, the faith – Col. 1:19-23**
- **"to change from one condition to another, so as to remove all enmity and leave no impediment to unity and peace" – Vine's**

What are the blessings to the reconciled?

Rom. 5:1-11

Justification V.1

Love V.5

Peace V.1

Justification V.9

Access to grace V.2

Salvation V.9-10

Joy in hope V.2

Joy in salvation V.11

Glory in trials V.3

Growth V.3-4

Will you be reconciled?

- **We beg you to be reconciled to God...now is the day of salvation! – II Cor. 5:15-6:2, 11**
- **“By reason of this men in their sinful condition and alienation from God are invited to be "reconciled" to Him; that is to say, to change their attitude, and accept the provision God has made, whereby their sins can be remitted and they themselves be justified in His sight in Christ.” – Vine’s**