

WE NEED TO TELL OTHERS THE GOOD NEWS!

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1. God did not send his Son into the world to judge and condemn the world, but to be its Savior and rescue it.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19-NKJV

18 Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the *ministry of reconciliation*,

19 that is, that **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them,** and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Passion – 18 And God has made all things new, and reconciled us to himself, and given us the ministry of reconciling others to God.

19 In other words, it was through the Anointed One that God was *shepherding the world, not even keeping records of their transgressions,* and he has entrusted to us **the ministry of opening the door of reconciliation to God.**

Reconcile: *reunite, bring (back) together (again), restore friendly relations between, make peace between.*

Colossians 1:21-22-Passion

Even though you were once distant from him, living in the shadows of your evil thoughts and actions, he reconnected you back to himself. He released his supernatural peace to you through the sacrifice of his own body as the sin-payment on your behalf so that you would dwell in his presence. And now there is nothing between you and Father God, for he sees you as holy, flawless, and restored!

2. It is God, the offended party, who takes the initiative in providing a atonement for man.

Atonement - *(reparation)-the making of amends for a wrong one has done, by paying a price to or otherwise helping those who have been wronged. Atonement is the reconciliation of God and humankind through Jesus Christ.*

3. It was God who told us to go into all...the world and tell them of His love and plan for them.

2Corinthians 5:20-NKJV

20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, ***be reconciled to God.***

Passion – 20...We are ambassadors of the Anointed One who carry the message of Christ to the world, as though God were tenderly pleadings with them directly through our lips. So we tenderly plead with you on Christ's behalf, "Turn back to God and be reconciled to him."

4. We choose ourselves to break that fellowship with our Father, He already paved the way for that fellowship.

Romans 2:4-5-Passion

4 Do the riches of his extraordinary kindness make you take him for granted and despise him? Haven't you experienced how kind and understanding he has been to you? Don't mistake his tolerance for acceptance. Do you realize that all the wealth of his extravagant kindness is meant to melt your heart and lead you into repentance?

5 But because of your calloused heart and *refusal to change direction, you are piling up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgment is revealed.*

Romans 5:10-NKJV

...For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son,...

Reconciled. That word is *past tense.* **God has already restored fellowship between Himself and the world.**