

RECONCILED TO GOD BY JESUS

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The Power & Complexity of Forgiveness, part 12

Have you ever had a relationship go south, and then worked at it until the friendship was restored?

This is what God has done in Jesus.

BIG IDEA: How God reconciled us to himself in Jesus.

“He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. ¹⁴ **In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins...** ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile everything to himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated and hostile in your minds as expressed in your evil actions. ²² But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through his death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before him” **Colossians 1:13-14, 19-22** CSB

1. In _____—In Jesus Himself.

“In him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” **Colossians 2:3** CSB

“God has given us the life of the age to come, and this life is in his son. Anyone who has the son has life. Anyone who does not have the son of God does not have life.”

1 John 5:11-12 NTE

2. We have _____—a payment for release.

“He gave himself as ransom-payment for everyone.”

1 Timothy 2:6

“For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God.” **1 Peter 3:18** CSB

3. The _____ of Sins.

“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” **John 1:29**

“But the servant was pierced because we had sinned. He was crushed because we had done what was evil. He was punished to make us whole again. His wounds have healed us. All of us are like sheep. We have wandered away from God. All of us have turned to our own way. And the LORD has placed on his servant the sins of all of us.” **Isaiah 53:5-6** Nlrv

Forgiveness was all about bringing you back. “Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.” **Eph. 2:13** NLT

Forgiveness was all about rescuing you. “Jesus Christ rescued us from this evil world we’re in by offering himself as a sacrifice for our sins. God’s plan is that we all experience that rescue.” **Galatians 1:4** TM

God’s forgiveness is meant to reconcile you to him, to others and the whole creation! “For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile everything to himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” **Colossians 1:19-20** CSB