

~RECONCILIATION (1112)

[Greek, *al-las'so*]

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- To reconcile means to **bring back into harmony or cause to be friendly again**, also to adjust or settle, as in reconciling differences. In **Greek**, the words related to reconciliation are derived from the verb *al-las'so*, which, basically, means, change, alter.
- For instance, we have heard him say that this Jesus the Nazarene will throw down this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us. (**Acts of Apostles 6:14**)
- But I could wish to be present with you just now and to speak in a different way, because I am perplexed over you. (**Galatians 4:20**)
- Thus, the compound form *ka-tal-las'so*, while meaning, basically, **exchange**, came to have the meaning, **reconcile**.
- For if, when we were enemies, we became **reconciled** to God through the death of his Son, much more, now that we have become reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. (**Romans 5:10**)
- Paul used this verb when speaking of a woman's making up again with her husband, from whom she had separated.
- But if she should actually depart, let her remain unmarried or else **make up again** with her husband, and a husband should not leave his wife. (**1 Corinthians 7:11**)
- The related *di-al-las'so-mai* appears at;
- Leave your gift there in front of the altar, and go away, first make your peace with your brother, and then, when you have come back, offer up your gift. (**Matthew 5:24**)
- In Jesus instructions that a person should first make his peace with his brother before presenting an offering on the altar.

·· Reconciliation To God

- In Paul's letter to the Romans and in several other letters, he uses *ka-tal-las'so* and *a-po-ka-tal-las'so*, an intensified form, in dealing with man's being **reconciled** to God by means of the sacrifice of Christ Jesus.
- Such **reconciliation** to God is necessary because an alienation has existed, a separation, a lack of harmony and of friendly relations, more than that, a state of enmity. This came through the first man Adam's sin and the resultant sinfulness and imperfection inherited by all his descendants.
- That is why, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned. (**Romans 5:12**)
- Your own father, the first one, has sinned, and your own spokesmen have transgressed against me. (**Isaiah 43:27**)
- The apostle could therefore say, that the minding of the flesh means enmity with God.
- Because the minding of the flesh means enmity with God, for it is not under subjection to the Law of God, nor, in fact, can it be. (**Romans 8:7**)
- So those who are in harmony with the flesh cannot please God. (**Romans 8:8**)
- Enmity exists because God's perfect standards do not allow for his approving or condoning wrongdoing.
- For you are not a God taking delight in wickedness, no one bad may reside for any time with you. (**Psalms 5:4**)
- Righteousness and judgment are the established place of your throne, loving-kindness and trueness themselves come in before your face. (**Psalms 89:14**)
- Of his Son, who reflected his Fathers perfect qualities, it is written:

- You loved righteousness, and you hated lawlessness. That is why God, your God, anointed you with the oil of exultation more than your partners. (**Hebrews 1:9**)
- Hence, even though God is love and even though God loved the world of mankind so much that he gave his only-begotten Son on mankind's behalf, the fact remains that **mankind as a whole has been in a state of enmity toward God** and that God's love toward the world of mankind was love toward enemies, a love guided by principle, **Greek, *a-ga'pe***, rather than affection or friendship, **Greek, *phi-li'a***.
- And we ourselves have come to know and have believed the love that God has in our case. God is love, and he that remains in love remains in union with God and God remains in union with him. (**1 John 4:16**)
- For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, in order, that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life. (**John 3:16**)
- Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever, therefore, wants to be a friend of the world is constituting himself an enemy of God. (**James 4:4**)
- Since God's standard is one of perfect righteousness, he cannot countenance, or view with favor, sin, which is the violation of his express will. He is gracious and merciful and rich in mercy.
- Yehowah is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and great in loving-kindness. (**Psalms 145:8**)
- Yehowah is good to all, and his mercies are over all his works. (**Psalms 145:9**)
- But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us. (**Ephesians 2:4**)
- But he does not disregard justice in order to display mercy. As correctly observed in **McClintock and Strong's Cyclopaedia [1894, Vol. VIII, p. 958]**, the relation between God and sinful man is thus a legal one, as that of a sovereign, in his judicial capacity, and a criminal who has violated his laws and risen up against his authority, and who is therefore treated as an enemy.

- This is the situation into which mankind was brought because of the inheritance of sin from their first father, Adam.

• The Basis For Reconciliation

- It is only by and through the ransom sacrifice of Christ Jesus that full **reconciliation** to God is possible, he is **the way**, and no one comes to the Father except through him.

- Jesus said to him; **I am the way** and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (**John 14:6**)

- His death served as a propitiatory sacrifice, **Greek, *hi-la-smon'*** for our sins.

- And he is a propitiatory sacrifice for our sins, yet not for ours only but also for the whole world's. (**1 John 2:2**)

- The love is in this respect, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent forth his Son as a propitiatory sacrifice for our sins. (**1 John 4:10**)

- The word ***hi-la-smos'*** signifies a **means of appeasing**, an **atonement**. Clearly, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ was not a **means of appeasing**, in the sense of soothing hurt feelings on the part of God, mollifying him, for the death of his beloved Son certainly would produce no such effect.

- Rather, that sacrifice appeased, or satisfied, the demands of God's perfect justice **by providing the just and righteous basis for pardoning sin**, so that God might be righteous even when declaring righteous the man, the hereditarily sinful man, that has faith in Jesus.

- And it is as a free gift that they are being declared righteous by his undeserved kindness through the release by the ransom paid by Christ Jesus. (**Romans 3:24**)

- God set him forth as an offering for propitiation through faith in his blood. This was in order to exhibit his own righteousness, because he was forgiving the sins that occurred in the past while God was exercising forbearance. (**Romans 3:25**)

- So as to exhibit his own righteousness in this present season, that he might be righteous even when declaring righteous the

man that has faith in Jesus. (**Romans 3:26**)

- By supplying the means for expiating, making complete satisfaction for, man's sins and unlawful acts, Christ's sacrifice made it **propitious**, or favorable, for man's seeking and receiving **a restoration to right relations with the Sovereign God**.
- By means of him we have the release by ransom through the blood of that one, yes, **the forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of his undeserved kindness. (**Ephesians 1:7**)
- Consequently he was obliged to become like his brothers in all respects, that he might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, in order to offer propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of the people. (**Hebrews 2:17**)

See Also RANSOM

- Thus, through Christ, God made it possible to **reconcile** again to himself all other things by making peace through the blood he Jesus shed on the torture stake, and thereby persons once alienated and enemies because of having their minds on wicked works could now be **reconciled** by means of that one's fleshly body through his death, in order to present them holy and unblemished and open to no accusation before him.
- Because God saw good for all fullness to dwell in him. (**Colossians 1:19**)
- And through him to reconcile again to himself all other things by making peace through the blood he shed on the torture stake, no matter whether they are the things upon the earth or the things in the heavens. (**Colossians 1:20**)
- Indeed, you who were once alienated and enemies because your minds were on the works that were wicked. (**Colossians 1:21**)
- He now has again reconciled by means of that one's fleshly body through his death, in order to present you holy and unblemished and open to no accusation before him. (**Colossians 1:22**)
- Yehowah God could now **declare righteous** those whom he selected to become his spiritual sons, they would not be subject to any

accusation, since they were now persons fully reconciled to, and at peace with, God.

- **Let it therefore be known to you, brothers, that through this One a forgiveness of sins is being published to you. (Acts of Apostles 13:38)**
- **And that from all the things from which you could not be declared guiltless by means of the Law of Moses, everyone who believes is declared guiltless by means of this One. (Acts of Apostles 13:39)**
- **Much more, therefore, since we have been declared righteous now by his blood, shall we be saved through him from wrath. (Romans 5:9)**
- **For if, when we were enemies, we became reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, now that we have become reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. (Romans 5:10)**
- **Who will file accusation against God's chosen ones? God is the One who declares them righteous. (Romans 8:33)**
- **What, then, can we say of men who served God in times before Christ's death? This would include men such as Abel, who had witness borne to him that he was righteous, God bearing witness respecting his gifts. Enoch, who had the witness that he had pleased God well. Abraham, who came to be called. Yehowah's friend, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Daniel, John the Baptizer, and Christ's disciples, to whom Jesus said prior to his death, the Father himself has affection for you.**
- **By faith Abel offered God a sacrifice of greater worth than Cain, through which faith he had witness borne to him that he was righteous, God bearing witness respecting his gifts, and through it he, although he died, yet speaks. (Hebrews 11:4)**
- **By faith Enoch was transferred so as not to see death, and he was nowhere to be found because God had transferred him, for before his transference he had the witness that he had pleased God well. (Hebrews 11:5)**
- **And the scripture was fulfilled which says: Abraham put faith in Yehowah, and it was counted to him as righteousness, and he**

came to be called, Yehowah's friend. (**James 2:23**)

- **At the start of your entreaties a word went forth, and I myself have come to make report, because you are someone very desirable. So give consideration to the matter, and have understanding in the thing seen. (**Daniel 9:23**)**
- **For the Father himself has affection for you, because you have had affection for me and have believed that I came out as the Father's representative. (**John 16:27**)**
- **Yehowah dealt with all of these and blessed them. How, then, would such ones need any reconciling by means of Christ's death?**
- **These persons obviously enjoyed a measure of **reconciliation** to God. Nevertheless, they, even as the rest of the world of mankind, were still sinners by inheritance and had acknowledged themselves as such by the animal sacrifices they offered.**
- **What then? Are we in a better position? Not at all! For above we have made the charge that Jews as well as Greeks are all under sin. (**Romans 3:9**)**
- **Yes, God's righteousness through the faith in Jesus Christ, for all those having faith. For there is no distinction. (**Romans 3:22**)**
- **For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (**Romans 3:23**)**
- **For since the Law has a shadow of the good things to come, but not the very substance of the things, men can never with the same sacrifices from year to year which they offer continually make those who approach perfect. (**Hebrews 10:1**)**
- **Otherwise, would the sacrifices not have stopped being offered, because those rendering sacred service who had been cleansed once for all time would have no consciousness of sins anymore? (**Hebrews 10:2**)**
- **True, some men have been more overt or gross in their sinning than others, even being openly rebellious, but sin is sin, whatever the degree or extent. Since all are sinners, all men descended from Adam have, without exception, needed the **reconciliation** with God that his Son's sacrifice made possible.**

- **God's relative friendship toward men such as those considered earlier was on the basis of the faith they showed, faith that embraced the belief that God would in his due time provide the means for relieving them completely of their sinful state.**
- **Faith is the assured expectation of things hoped for, the evident demonstration of realities though not beheld. ([Hebrews 11:1](#))**
- **For by means of this the men of old times had witness borne to them. ([Hebrews 11:2](#))**
- **And yet all these, although they had witness borne to them through their faith, did not get the fulfillment of the promise. ([Hebrews 11:39](#))**
- **As God foresaw something better for us, in order, that they might not be made perfect apart from us. ([Hebrews 11:40](#))**
- **The next day he beheld Jesus coming toward him, and he said; See, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world! ([John 1:29](#))**
- **Abraham your father rejoiced greatly in the prospect of seeing my day, and he saw it and rejoiced. ([John 8:56](#))**
- **Men, brothers, it is allowable to speak with freeness of speech to you concerning the family head David, that he both deceased and was buried and his tomb is among us to this day. ([Acts of Apostles 2:29](#))**
- **Therefore, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one from the fruitage of his loins upon his throne. ([Acts of Apostles 2:30](#))**
- **He saw beforehand and spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he forsaken in Hades nor did his flesh see corruption. ([Acts of Apostles 2:31](#))**
- **Hence, the measure of **reconciliation** they enjoyed was contingent upon God's future provision of the ransom.**
- **As shown under the heading, **DECLARE RIGHTEOUS**, God **counted, reckoned** or credited, their faith as righteousness, and on that**

basis, with the absolute certainty of his own provision of a ransom in view, Yehowah could provisionally have friendly relations with them without violating his standards of perfect justice.

- **For what does the scripture say: Abraham exercised faith in Yehowah, and it was counted to him as righteousness. (Romans 4:3)**
- **Does this happiness, then, come upon circumcised people or also upon uncircumcised people? For we say; His faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. (Romans 4:9)**
- **Under what circumstances, then, was it counted? When he was in circumcision or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. (Romans 4:10) NW, KJ**
- **God set him forth as an offering for propitiation through faith in his blood. This was in order to exhibit his own righteousness, because he was forgiving the sins that occurred in the past while God was exercising forbearance. (Romans 3:25)**
- **So as to exhibit his own righteousness in this present season, that he might be righteous even when declaring righteous the man that has faith in Jesus. (Romans 3:26)**
- **Just as it is written: I have appointed you a father of many nations. This was in the sight of the One in whom he had faith, even of God, who makes the dead alive and calls the things that are not as though they were. (Romans 4:17)**
- **Nevertheless, the proper demands of his justice must eventually be satisfied, so that the crediting would be covered by actual payment of the required ransom price.**
- **All of this exalts the importance of Christ's position in God's arrangement and demonstrates that, apart from Christ Jesus, men have no righteousness that could qualify them for a standing before God.**
- **And we become like someone unclean, all of us, and all our acts of righteousness are like a garment for periods of menstruation, and we shall fade away like leafage, all of us, and our errors themselves will carry us away just like a wind. (Isaiah 64:6)**

- For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, there dwells nothing good, for ability to wish is present with me, but ability to work out what is fine is not present. (**Romans 7:18**)
- I find, then, this Law in my case, that when I wish to do what is right, what is bad is present with me. (**Romans 7:21**)
- I really delight in the Law of God according to the man I am within. (**Romans 7:22**)
- But I behold in my members another Law warring against the Law of my mind and leading me captive to sins Law that is in my members. (**Romans 7:23**)
- Miserable man that I am! Who will rescue me from the body undergoing this death? (**Romans 7:24**)
- Thanks to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So, then, with my mind I myself am a slave to God's Law, but with my flesh to sins law. (**Romans 7:25**)
- But it is due to him that you are in union with Christ Jesus, who has become to us wisdom from God, also righteousness and sanctification and release by ransom. (**1 Corinthians 1:30**)
- That it may be just as it is written: He that boasts, let him boast in Yehowah. (**1 Corinthians 1:31**)
- If we make the statement; We have no sin. We are misleading ourselves and the truth is not in us. (**1 John 1:8**)
- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous so as to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (**1 John 1:9**)
- If we make the statement; We have not sinned. We are making him a liar, and his word is not in us. (**1 John 1:10**)

See Also DECLARE RIGHTEOUS

· Steps Necessary For Attaining Reconciliation

- **Since God is the offended party whose Law has been and is being violated, it is man who must become reconciled to God, not God to man.**
- **Show me favor, O God, according to your loving-kindness. According to the abundance of your mercies wipe out my transgressions. (Psalms 51:1)**
- **Thoroughly wash me from my error, and cleanse me even from my sin. (Psalms 51:2)**
- **For my transgressions I myself know, and my sin is in front of me constantly. (Psalms 51:3)**
- **Against you, you alone, I have sinned, and what is bad in your eyes I have done, in order, that you may prove to be righteous when you speak, that you may be in the clear when you judge. (Psalms 51:4)**
- **Man does not meet God on equal terms, nor is God's stand as to what is right subject to change, emendation, or modification.**
- **Search for Yehowah, you people, while he may be found. Call to him while he proves to be near. (Isaiah 55:6)**
- **Let the wicked man leave his way, and the harmful man his thoughts, and let him return to Yehowah, who will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will forgive in a large way. (Isaiah 55:7)**
- **For the thoughts of you people are not my thoughts, nor are my ways your ways, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Isaiah 55:8)**
- **For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:9)**
- **For just as the pouring rain descends, and the snow, from the heavens and does not return to that place, unless it actually saturates the earth and makes it produce and sprout, and seed is actually given to the sower and bread to the eater. (Isaiah 55:10)**
- **So my word that goes forth from my mouth will prove to be. It will not return to me without results, but it will certainly do that**

- in which I have delighted, and it will have certain success in that for which I have sent it. (**Isaiah 55:11**)
- For I am Yehowah, I have not changed. And you are sons of Jacob; You have not come to your finish. (**Malachi 3:6**)
 - Every good gift and every perfect present is from above, for it comes down from the Father of the celestial lights, and with him there is not a variation of the turning of the shadow. (**James 1:17**)
 - His conditions for **reconciliation** are therefore nonnegotiable, not subject to question or compromise.
 - And Yehowah proceeded to answer Job and say. (**Job 40:1**)
 - Should there be any contending of a faultfinder with the Almighty? Let the reprover of God himself answer it. (**Job 40:2**)
 - And Yehowah went on to answer Job out of the windstorm and say; (**Job 40:6**)
 - Gird up your loins, please, like an able-bodied man, I shall question you, and you inform me. (**Job 40:7**)
 - Really, will you invalidate my justice? Will you pronounce me wicked in order, that you may be in the right? (**Job 40:8**)
 - Who has taken the proportions of the spirit of Yehowah, and who as his man of counsel can make him know anything? (**Isaiah 40:13**)
 - With whom did he consult together that one might make him understand, or who teaches him in the path of justice, or teaches him knowledge, or makes him know the very way of real understanding? (**Isaiah 40:14**)
 - While many translations render.
 - Come, now, you people, and let us set matters straight between us, says Yehowah. Though the sins of you people should prove to be as scarlet, they will be made white just like snow, though they should be red like crimson cloth, they will become even like wool. (**Isaiah 1:18**)

- To read, Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord, **KJ, AT, JP, RS**, a more appropriate and consistent translation is; Come, now, you people, and let us set matters straight let us settle the dispute, **RO** between us, says Yehowah. The fault producing the disharmony lies entirely with man, not with God.

- And you people will certainly say; The way of Yehowah is not adjusted right. Hear, please, O house of Israel. Is not my own way adjusted right? Are not the ways of you people not adjusted right? (**Ezekiel 18:25**)

- And the house of Israel will certainly say; The way of Yehowah is not adjusted right. As for my ways, are they not adjusted right, O house of Israel? Are not the ways of you people the ones that are not adjusted right? (**Ezekiel 18:29**)

- Therefore each one according to his ways is how I shall judge you, O house of Israel, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. Turn back, yes, cause a turning back from all your transgressions, and let nothing prove to be for you people a stumbling block causing error. (**Ezekiel 18:30**)

- Throw off from yourselves all your transgressions in which you have transgressed and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit, for why should you die, O house of Israel? (**Ezekiel 18:31**)

- For I do not take any delight in the death of someone dying, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. So cause a turning back and keep living, O you people. (**Ezekiel 18:32**)

- This does not prevent God from mercifully taking the initiative in opening the way for **reconciliation**. He did so through his Son. The apostle writes:

- For, indeed, Christ, while we were yet weak, died for ungodly men at the appointed time. For hardly will anyone die for a righteous man, indeed, for the good man, perhaps, someone even dares to die. But God recommends his own love, *a-ga'pen*, to us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

- Much more, therefore, since we have been declared righteous now by his blood, shall we be saved through him from wrath. For if,

when we were enemies, we became reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, now that we have become reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

- **And not only that, but we are also exulting in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.**
- **For, indeed, Christ, while we were yet weak, died for ungodly men at the appointed time. (Romans 5:6)**
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- **For if, when we were enemies, we became reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, now that we have become **reconciled**, we shall be saved by his life. (Romans 5:10)**
- **And not only that, but we are also exulting in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the **reconciliation**. (Romans 5:11)**
- **Jesus, who did not know sin, was made to be sin for us, dying as a human sin offering, to relieve persons of the charge and penalty of sin. Relieved of the charge of sin, such ones could thus appear righteous in God's eyes, hence become God's righteousness by means of him Jesus.**
- **But all things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of the **reconciliation**. (2 Corinthians 5:18)**
- **The one who did not know sin he made to be sin for us, that we might become God's righteousness by means of him. (2 Corinthians 5:21)**

- **God additionally displays his mercy and love by sending out ambassadors to sinful mankind. In ancient times ambassadors were sent out primarily in times of hostility.**
- **But his citizens hated him and sent out a body of ambassadors after him, to say; We do not want this man to become king over us. (Luke 19:14)**
- **Not peace, their mission frequently being to see if war could be averted or to arrange terms for peace where a state of war prevailed.**
- **Look! Their very heroes have cried out in the street, the very messengers of peace will weep bitterly. (Isaiah 33:7)**
- **Or what king, marching to meet another king in war, does not first sit down and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand troops to cope with the one that comes against him with twenty thousand? (Luke 14:31)**
- **If, in fact, he cannot do so, then while that one is yet far away he sends out a body of ambassadors and sues for peace. (Luke 14:32)**
- **God sends his Christian ambassadors to men to enable them to learn his terms for **reconciliation** and to avail themselves of such. As the apostle writes;**
- **We are therefore ambassadors substituting for Christ, as though God were making entreaty through us. As substitutes for Christ we beg; Become **reconciled** to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20)**
- **Such entreaty does not signify any weakening of God's position nor of his opposition to wrongdoing, it is, instead, a merciful urging to the offenders to seek peace and escape the inevitable consequence of God's righteous anger toward all who persist in going contrary to his holy will, destruction being the certain end of such.**
- **Say to them; As I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, I take delight, not in the death of the wicked one, but in that someone wicked turns back from his way and actually keeps living. Turn back, turn back from your bad ways, for why is it that you should die, O house of Israel? (Ezekiel 33:11)**

- **Even Christians must be careful not to accept the undeserved kindness of God and miss its purpose by failing to seek continually God's favor and goodwill during the acceptable time and the day of salvation God mercifully provides, as Paul's following words show.**
- **Working together with him, we also entreat you not to accept the undeserved kindness of God and miss its purpose. (2 Corinthians 6:1)**
- **For he says; In an acceptable time I heard you, and in a day of salvation I helped you. Look! Now is the especially acceptable time. Look! Now is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2)**

See Also AMBASSADOR

- **Recognizing the need for **reconciliation** and accepting God's provision for **reconciliation**, namely, the **sacrifice of God's Son**, the individual must then repent of his sinful course and convert, or turn around, from following the way of the sinful world of mankind.**
- **By appealing to God on the basis of Christ's ransom, forgiveness of sins and reconciliation can be obtained, bringing seasons of refreshing from the person of Yehowah.**
- **But in this way God has fulfilled the things he announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. (Acts of Apostles 3:18)**
- **Repent, therefore, and turn around so as to get your sins blotted out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the person of Yehowah. (Acts of Apostles 3:19)**
- **As well as peace of mind and heart.**
- **Do not be anxious over anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication along with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6)**
- **And the peace of God that excels all thought will guard your hearts and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)**
- **No longer an enemy under the wrath of God, one has, in effect, passed over from death to life.**

- **For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, in order, that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)**
- **Most truly I say to you; He that hears my word and believes him that sent me has everlasting life, and he does not come into judgment but has passed over from death to life. (John 5:24)**
- **Thereafter the individual must retain God's goodwill by calling upon him in trueness, continuing in the faith, and not being shifted away from the hope of the Good News.**
- **Yehowah is near to all those calling upon him, to all those who call upon him in trueness. (Psalms 145:18)**
- **The things that you learned as well as accepted and heard and saw in connection with me, practice these, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:9)**
- **He now has again reconciled by means of that ones fleshly body through his death, in order to present you holy and unblemished and open to no accusation before him. (Colossians 1:22)**
- **Provided, of course, that you continue in the faith, established on the foundation and steadfast and not being shifted away from the hope of that Good News which you heard, and which was preached in all creation that is under heaven. Of this Good News I Paul became a minister. (Colossians 1:23)**

•• **In What Sense Has God Reconciled A World To Himself**

- **The apostle Paul speaks of God by means of Christ **reconciling** a world to himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses.**
- **Namely, that God was by means of Christ reconciling a world to himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses, and he committed the word of the **reconciliation** to us. (2 Corinthians 5:19)**
- **This should not be misread as meaning that all persons are automatically **reconciled** to God by Jesus sacrifice, inasmuch as the apostle immediately goes on to describe the ambassadorial work of entreating men to **become reconciled to God.****

- We are therefore ambassadors substituting for Christ, as though God were making entreaty through us. As substitutes for Christ we beg; **Become reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20)**
- In reality, the means was provided whereby all those of the world of mankind **willing to respond** could gain **reconciliation**. Hence, Jesus came to give his soul a ransom in exchange for **many**, and he that **exercises faith in the Son has everlasting life**, **he that disobeys the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains upon him.**
- Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his soul a ransom in exchange for many. **(Matthew 20:28)**
- He that exercises faith in the Son has everlasting life, he that disobeys the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains upon him. **(John 3:36)**
- So, then, as through one trespass the result to men of all sorts was condemnation, likewise also through one act of justification the result to men of all sorts is a declaring of them righteous for life. **(Romans 5:18)**
- For just as through the disobedience of the one man many were constituted sinners, likewise also through the obedience of the one person many will be constituted righteous. **(Romans 5:19)**
- But, to you who suffer tribulation, relief along with us at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his powerful angels. **(2 Thessalonians 1:7)**
- In a flaming fire, as he brings vengeance upon those who do not know God and those who do not obey the Good News about our Lord Jesus. **(2 Thessalonians 1:8)**
- Nevertheless, Yehowah God purposed to gather all things together again in the Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth.
- For an administration at the full limit of the appointed times, namely, to gather all things together again in the Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth. Yes, in him. **(Ephesians 1:10)**

- **Though a destruction of those who refuse to set matters straight.**
- **Come, now, you people, and let us set matters straight between us, says Yehowah. Though the sins of you people should prove to be as scarlet, they will be made white just like snow, though they should be red like crimson cloth, they will become even like wool. (Isaiah 1:18)**
- **With Yehowah God is required, the result will be a universe in total harmony with God, and mankind will again rejoice in God's friendship and enjoy the full flow of his blessings as at the start in Eden.**
- **And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea is no more. (Revelation 21:1)**
- **I saw also the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God and prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2)**
- **With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say; Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his peoples. And God himself will be with them. (Revelation 21:3)**
- **And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. (Revelation 21:4)**
- **Yehowah God terminated his covenant relationship with Israel as a nation because of its unfaithfulness and its national rejection of his Son.**
- **Jesus said to them; Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected is the one that has become the chief cornerstone. From Yehowah this has come to be, and it is marvelous in our eyes? (Matthew 21:42)**
- **This is why I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and be given to a nation producing its fruits. (Matthew 21:43)**

- For if that first covenant had been faultless, no place would have been sought for a second. (**Hebrews 8:7**)
- For he does find fault with the people when he says; Look! There are days coming, says Yehowah, and I will conclude with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah a New Covenant. (**Hebrews 8:8**)
- Not according to the covenant that I made with their forefathers in the day of my taking hold of their hand to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt, because they did not continue in my covenant, so that I stopped caring for them, says Yehowah. (**Hebrews 8:9**)
- For this is the covenant that I shall covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says Yehowah. I will put my laws in their mind, and in their hearts I shall write them. And I will become their God, and they themselves will become my people. (**Hebrews 8:10**)
- And they will by no means teach each one his fellow citizen and each one his brother, saying; Know Yehowah! For they will all know me, from the least one to the greatest one of them. (**Hebrews 8:11**)
- For I shall be merciful to their unrighteous deeds, and I shall by no means call their sins to mind anymore. (**Hebrews 8:12**)
- In his saying, a New Covenant, he has made the former one obsolete. Now that which is made obsolete and growing old is near to vanishing away. (**Hebrews 8:13**)
- Evidently the apostle refers to this when saying that the casting of them away meant **reconciliation** for the world.
- For if the casting of them away means **reconciliation** for the world, what will the receiving of them mean but life from the dead? (**Romans 11:15**)
- For as the context shows, the way was thereby opened for the world outside the Jewish community or congregation. That is, the non-Jewish nations now had opportunity to be joined with a faithful Jewish remnant in the New Covenant as God's new nation, Spiritual Israel.

- In this way, therefore, at the present season also a remnant has turned up according to a choosing due to undeserved kindness. **(Romans 11:5)**
- What, then? The very thing Israel is earnestly seeking he did not obtain, but the ones chosen obtained it. The rest had their sensibilities blunted. **(Romans 11:7)**
- Therefore I ask, Did they stumble so that they fell completely? Never may that happen! But by their false step there is salvation to people of the nations, to incite them to jealousy. **(Romans 11:11)**
- Now if their false step means riches to the world, and their decrease means riches to people of the nations, how much more will the full number of them mean it! **(Romans 11:12)**
- For if the casting of them away means **reconciliation** for the world, what will the receiving of them mean but life from the dead? **(Romans 11:15)**
- For I do not want you, brothers, to be ignorant of this sacred secret, in order for you not to be discreet in your own eyes, that a dulling of sensibilities has happened in part to Israel until the full number of people of the nations has come in. **(Romans 11:25)**
- **As God's covenant people, his special property.**
- And now if you will strictly obey my voice and will indeed keep my covenant, then you will certainly become my special property out of all other peoples, because the whole earth belongs to me. **(Exodus 19:5)**
- And you yourselves will become to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you are to say to the sons of Israel. **(Exodus 19:6)**
- For you yourself separated them as your inheritance out of all the peoples of the earth, just as you have spoken by means of Moses your servant when you were bringing our forefathers out from Egypt, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah. **(1 Kings 8:53)**
- For Yah has chosen even Jacob for himself, Israel for his special property. **(Psalms 135:4)**

- The Jewish people had enjoyed a measure of **reconciliation** to God, though still in need of full **reconciliation** by means of the foretold Redeemer, the Messiah.
- But he was being pierced for our transgression, he was being crushed for our errors. The chastisement meant for our peace was upon him, and because of his wounds there has been a healing for us. (**Isaiah 53:5**)
- Like sheep we have all of us wandered about, it was each one to his own way that we have turned, and Yehowah himself has caused the error of us all to meet up with that one. (**Isaiah 53:6**)
- He was hard pressed, and he was letting himself be afflicted, yet he would not open his mouth. He was being brought just like a sheep to the slaughtering, and like a ewe, that before her shearers has become mute, he also would not open his mouth. (**Isaiah 53:7**)
- Because of the trouble of his soul he will see, he will be satisfied. By means of his knowledge the righteous one, my servant, will bring a righteous standing to many people, and their errors he himself will bear. (**Isaiah 53:11**)
- For that reason I shall deal him a portion among the many, and it will be with the mighty ones that he will apportion the spoil, due to the fact that he poured out his soul to the very death, and it was with the transgressors that he was counted in, and he himself carried the very sin of many people, and for the transgressors he proceeded to interpose. (**Isaiah 53:12**)
- There are seventy weeks that have been determined upon your people and upon your holy city, in order to terminate the transgression, and to finish off sin, and to make atonement for error, and to bring in righteousness for times indefinite, and to imprint a seal upon vision and prophet, and to anoint the Holy of Holies. (**Daniel 9:24**)
- And you should know and have the insight that from the going forth of the word to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Leader, there will be seven weeks, also sixty-two weeks. She will return and be actually rebuilt, with a public square and moat, but in the straits of the times. (**Daniel 9:25**)

- **And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah will be cut off, with nothing for himself. And the city and the holy place the people of a leader that is coming will bring to their ruin. And the end of it will be by the flood. And until the end there will be war, what is decided upon is desolations. (Daniel 9:26)**
- **The non-Jewish nations, on the other hand, were **alienated** from the state of Israel and strangers to the covenants of the promise, and had no hope and were without God in the world, for they had no recognized standing with him.**
- **Therefore keep bearing in mind that formerly you were people of the nations as to flesh, uncircumcision you were called by that which is called circumcision, made in the flesh with hands. (Ephesians 2:11)**
- **That you were at that particular time without Christ, alienated from the state of Israel and strangers to the covenants of the promise, and you had no hope and were without God in the world. (Ephesians 2:12)**
- **In harmony with the sacred secret regarding the Seed, God nevertheless purposed to bring blessings for persons of all nations of the earth.**
- **And Yehowah's angel proceeded to call to Abraham the second time out of the heavens. (Genesis 22:15)**
- **And to say; By myself I do swear, is the utterance of Yehowah, that by reason of the fact that you have done this thing and you have not withheld your son, your only one. (Genesis 22:16)**
- **I shall surely bless you and I shall surely multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and like the grains of sand that are on the seashore, and your seed will take possession of the gate of his enemies. (Genesis 22:17)**
- **And by means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly bless themselves due to the fact that you have listened to my voice. (Genesis 22:18)**

- **The means for doing this, Christ Jesus sacrifice, therefore opened the way for those of the alienated non-Jewish nations to come to be near by the blood of the Christ.**
- **But now in union with Christ Jesus you who were once far off have come to be near by the blood of the Christ. (Ephesians 2:13)**
- **Not only this, but that sacrifice also removed the division between Jew and non-Jew, for it fulfilled the Law covenant and took it out of the way, thereby allowing Christ to fully reconcile both peoples in one body to God through the torture stake, because he had killed off the enmity, the division produced by the Law covenant, by means of himself. Jew and non-Jew now would have the one approach to God through Christ Jesus, and in course of time, non-Jews were brought into the New Covenant as Kingdom heirs with Christ.**
- **For he is our peace, he who made the two parties one and destroyed the wall in between that fenced them off. (Ephesians 2:14)**
- **By means of his flesh he abolished the enmity, the Law of commandments consisting in decrees, that he might create the two peoples in union with himself into one new man and make peace. (Ephesians 2:15)**
- **And that he might fully reconcile both peoples in one body to God through the torture stake, because he had killed off the enmity by means of himself. (Ephesians 2:16)**
- **And he came and declared the Good News of peace to you, the ones far off, and peace to those near. (Ephesians 2:17)**
- **Because through him we, both peoples, have the approach to the Father by one spirit. (Ephesians 2:18)**
- **Certainly, therefore, you are no longer strangers and alien residents, but you are fellow citizens of the holy ones and are members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19)**
- **And you have been built up upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, while Christ Jesus himself is the foundation cornerstone. (Ephesians 2:20)**
- **In union with him the whole building, being harmoniously joined**

together, is growing into a holy temple for Yehowah. (**Ephesians 2:21**)

- In union with him you, too, are being built up together into a place for God to inhabit by spirit. (**Ephesians 2:22**)
- The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children. (**Romans 8:16**)
- If, then, we are children, we are also heirs: heirs indeed of God, but joint heirs with Christ, provided we suffer together that we may also be glorified together. (**Romans 8:17**)
- So that is why he is a mediator of a New Covenant, in order, that, because a death has occurred for their release by ransom from the transgressions under the former covenant, the ones who have been called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance. (**Hebrews 9:15**)