

# Bringing Together to Make Right

## 2 Corinthians 5: 14 - 21

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God vs. Humankind

Righteousness	Unrighteousness
Holiness	Sinfulness
Purity	Impurity
Justice	Selfishness

God's ministry of reconciliation is two-fold:

1. Reconciliation with God (*Vertical*)
2. Reconciliation with Humankind (*Horizontal*)

“He (Jesus) is the propitiation (atonement) for our sins; and not ours only, but for the sins of the whole world”

1 John 2:2



“For the love of Christ controls us,  
because we have concluded this:  
that one has died for all, therefore all  
have died;”

2 Corinthians 5: 14

“and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.”

2 Corinthians 5: 15

“For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.”

Romans 5:15

“From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.”

2 Corinthians 5: 16

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.”

Philippians 3: 7,8

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

2 Corinthians 5: 17

“We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Romans 6:4

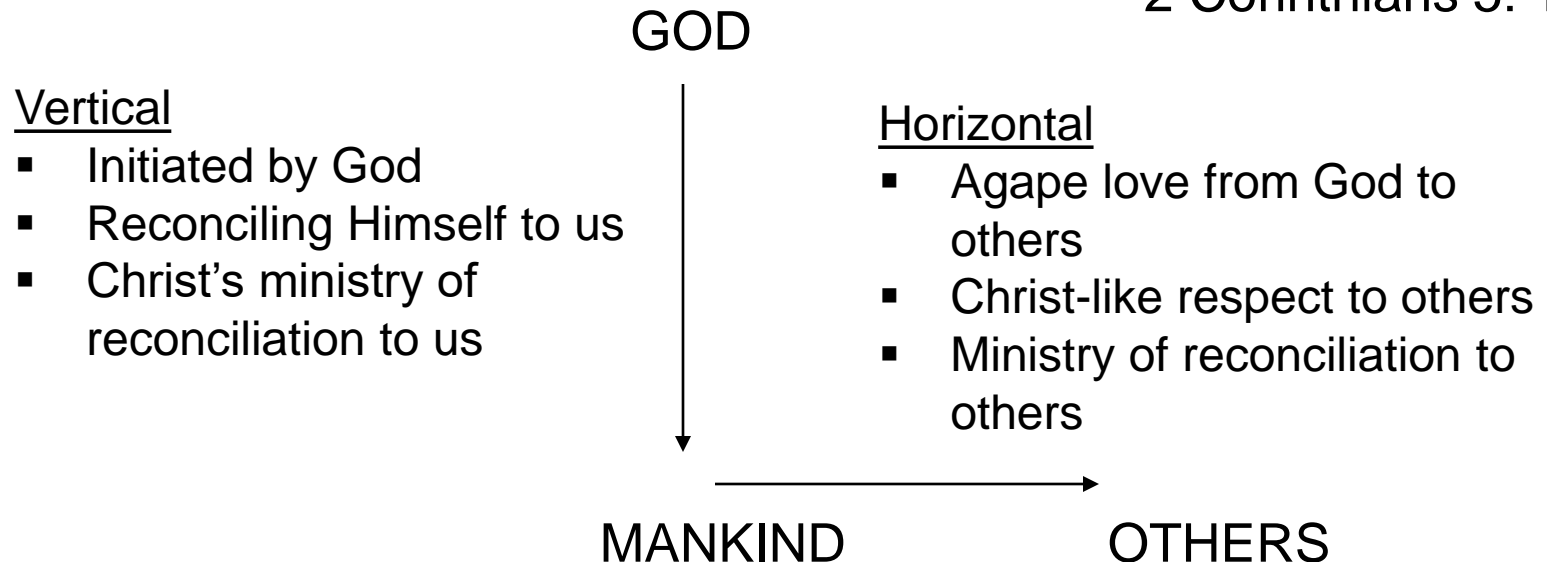
“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;”

2 Corinthians 5: 18



“that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.”

2 Corinthians 5: 19



“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

2 Corinthians 5: 20

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5: 21

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1: 16, 17

## 1. Reconciliation does not try to determine who is at fault

“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.”

Romans 5: 8 - 10

## 2. Reconciliation forgets as well as forgives

“This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds. Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”

Hebrews 10: 16, 17

## 3. The aim of reconciliation is restoration

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- “Bringing Together” (Reconciliation)
- “to Make Right” (Righteousness)
- the Work of Jesus Christ!