

# Be Reconciled to God

## LESSON 2 – OUTLINE

I. When people don't receive Jesus, they reject the only payment available for their sins.

A. There's no other way to the Father except through His Son.

**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

JOHN 14:6

B. If they don't accept the payment for their sins—the Lord Jesus Christ—they'll be rejected and cast into hell, not because of their sins, but because of rejecting Jesus.

C. Since all their sins have already been paid for by Jesus, sin really isn't the issue.

D. The issue is, what are you going to do with Jesus?

II. If you have already received the Lord Jesus Christ, then you've been born again.

A. The Lord wants you to stop focusing on sin and start receiving His love.

B. If you could ever get a picture of the price Jesus paid for your sins, you'd fall head over heels in love with Him.

C. Since faith works by love (Gal. 5:6), your faith would shoot through the roof!

D. If you truly comprehended just how much Jesus loves you and the price He paid to reconcile you to God the Father, you'd serve Him more accidentally than you ever have on purpose.

**God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

III. We should be telling people, "God loves you. He isn't angry with you."

A. A time is coming when this current age of grace—the church age—will come to an end.

B. But right now, the grace of God is extended toward all people.

C. As His ambassadors, we are supposed to be ministering His message, saying what He's told us to say.

**Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

- IV. Most of us believe that God only moves in our lives when we're worthy.
- A. We've tied His ability to our goodness.
  - B. You must believe to receive.
  - C. You don't have to be holy and do everything just right, but you do have to believe.
  - D. If you understand how much God loves you—that He carries your picture around in His wallet; that He isn't angry, disappointed, or ashamed of you; and that He's proud of you—your faith would go through the roof.
- V. Jesus paid the penalty for your sins and then gave you His righteousness.

**We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he [God the Father] hath made him [Jesus] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-21, BRACKETS MINE

- A. You were an “old sinner,” but you were saved by grace and are now the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.
- B. God sees you righteous, holy, and pure—He's not angry with you.
- C. Your sins have been obliterated, and He's forgotten them (Heb. 8:12 and 10:17).

**As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he remove our transgressions from us.**

PSALM 103:12

- D. God isn't looking at your sins.
- E. He's not dealing with you based on the way you deal with yourself.