

## **GRACE RECONCILIATION**

We are currently in a mini-series called the **Nine Factors of Communion with God** and the theology of the blood of Jesus Christ.

(Col.1:20) “And **through Him** to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace **through the blood of His cross; through Him**, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.”

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This lesson deals with an important New Covenant doctrine of a Healthy Church – Grace Reconciliation (katallage) [noun: to exchange things of equal value].

The Greek word used for reconciliation in our lesson text is intensified by adding the preposition to the root Greek verb (apokatallasso) [Radical exchange].

**This lesson will study four aspects of Grace Reconciliation.**

1. **In our lesson text, Paul explains that the gospel of grace salvation radically exchanges the [13 judicial charges of Adam’s original sin](#) by removing this Sin-Barrier. (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9.**

(Eph.2:14-15a) “For **He Himself is our peace**, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by **abolishing** (katargeo/ a.a.ptc.nsm) [to render inoperative] **in His flesh the enmity.**”

Notice Paul explained how the barrier was broken down by the blood and flesh of Christ by means of the cross. This was done so that a radical exchange called **Grace Reconciliation** could be made from enmity with God to peace with God (Eph.2:13-16).

2. **The radical exchange of Grace Reconciliation is from the unbeliever’s position in Adam to the believer’s position in Jesus Christ.**

This is a very important New Covenant doctrine.

The unbeliever’s position of [enmity with God](#), in Adam, goes back to (Gen.3:15) and is a key doctrine in world evangelism in the angelic conflict.

The Lord’s judgment of the Serpent (satan) in the fall of Adam:

(Gen.3:15) “And **I will put enmity** between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise Him on the heel.” (Rom.16:20; Rev.12:17: 1 Cor.15:22, 45)

3. **God is the reconciler, not man, through the Gospel of Jesus Christ (John 14:6; Rom.5:8).**

(Eph.2:8-9) Therefore salvation is on basis of God’s grace and on man’s works

**The unbeliever is in need of reconciliation, not God.**

(Rom.5:10-11) “For if while we were enemies we were **reconciled to God through the death of His Son**, much **more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by the His life**. And not only this, but we also exult in God **through** our Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom** we have now received the **reconciliation.**”

**Grace Reconciliation** is the gospel message of Christ’s ambassadors to the world (2 Cor 5:19-21). “Namely that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the **ministry of reconciliation.**” (5:19)

(2 Cor.5:20b) “**We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.**”