

Sermon Notes: Reconciled to God – Living a Life That Reflects Jesus

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Main Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:14–21; Colossians 1:19–22

Key Scripture Passages

- 2 Corinthians 5:14–21
 - Colossians 1:19–22
 - Romans 5:19
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - Romans 12:1
 - Galatians 2:20
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Main Points

1. We Have Been Reconciled to God Through Jesus

- Jesus came to restore our relationship with the Father.
- Reconciliation means to call back into union and friendship.
- Sin separated us; Jesus' sacrifice reconnected us.

2. The Exchange Was Equal

- Jesus exchanged His life for ours.
- The definition of reconcile includes "an exchange of equal value."
- This reveals how valuable our lives are to God.

3. Our Identity Is in Christ, Not in Our Past

- We are new creations in Christ.
- The old man is gone; stop living under shame, fear, and performance.
- We are not sinners trying to be saved—we are the righteousness of God in Christ.

4. Stop Living for Yourself and Live for Jesus

- Jesus calls us to deny ourselves and follow Him.
- Being a Christian is not about attendance or performance, but relationship.
- Jesus doesn't just want to get us to heaven—He wants to live with us now.

5. Your Life Has Purpose

- You were not created just to survive or succeed in the world.
- You were made to reflect Christ and manifest His kingdom.
- Your identity is not in what you do, but in what God says about you.

Personal Testimony: Justin's Turning Point

- After a traumatic accident with his infant son, Justin cried out to God.
- God spared his son and later challenged Justin with this question:

“You offered your life for your son. When will you start living for My Son who actually gave His life for you?”

- This moment led to full surrender and a transformed life.

Key Quotes from the Sermon

- “Reconciliation means to be called back into union and friendship. Jesus came to restore us to the Father—that's what He died for.”

- “If Jesus’ life was exchanged for yours, then your life must be just as valuable to the Father as His.”
 - “Stop living for you and live for Jesus. That’s the call. That’s the altar.”
 - “Stop devaluing what Jesus died for. Your identity is not in what you do—it’s in who you are in Him.”
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Ministry Moments & Altar Calls

- Call to salvation and relationship: "Stop living for you. Start living for Jesus."
 - Call to lay down false identity and be rooted in Christ.
 - Prayer and deliverance from suicidal thoughts and fear.
 - Final call: Be a living sacrifice. Say yes to a life fully surrendered to Jesus.
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Application:

- Reflect on where your identity is rooted.
- Consider what old ways you need to leave behind.
- Surrender fully—not just to believe in Jesus, but to walk with Him daily.
- Let your life be a reflection of Jesus wherever you go.