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²¹ This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.

²² Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. ²³ But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God's servant to proclaim it.



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Christ in you, the
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A BROKEN RELATIONSHIP



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Isaiah 59:2 ESV But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

RECONCILIATION

- The bond was broken in the garden
- God wants us back
- **Reconciliation:** from the Latin root words re, meaning "again," and concilare, meaning "to make friendly."
- bring back to a former state of harmony
- **Katallagé:** exchange

GET TO A PLACE OF RECONCILIATION

- Establish **peace. Romans 5:1** ⁵ Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace^[a] with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us
- Break the **cycle of strife. Ephesians 2:16** ¹⁶ Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death
- Build a **new relationship. 2 Corinthians 5:17** ¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

GET TO A PLACE OF RECONCILIATION:

- **Forgive** Ideally reconciliation prevents, once and for all, the use of the past as the seed of renewed conflict **Micah 7:18 NLT** Where is another God like you, who pardons the guilt of the remnant, overlooking the sins of his special people? You will not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight in showing unfailing love.
 - Forgiveness isn't the goal, relationship and intimacy with God is
 - Forgiveness doesn't require the offender to be present.

GET TO A PLACE OF RECONCILIATION:

- In some cases **healing** must take place for there to be complete reconciliation. **Psalms 147:3** He heals the broken-hearted and bandages their wounds.
- Healing may take time
- Ask Christ to heal you

THE HEART IS TO BE GUARDED

Proverbs 4:23 NLT Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

- We are to guard our hearts and minds :
 - same way that God did the garden
 - The same way Jesus protected his mind from peters response
 - The same way that God did heaven when satan was cast out.
 - Pointing fingers never brought healing
- Revelation 12:10 ESV** And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

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AVOID CONFLICT

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin^[a] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

KEY TAKEAWAY POINTS

- We were all far from God and our sin made us his enemy
- You are brought back into an intimate relationship with God
- Christ is the doorway to your relationship with God
- As Christ has done, bring; forgiveness, peace and love into your relationships
- Be wise and guard your heart
- You have work to do, be an ambassador of the kingdom and bring reconciliation to all around you

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Father God, I repent of all my sins. I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and I believe that you raised Him from the dead. Thank you for your forgiveness, thank you for saving me and making me a member of your family. I pray this in Jesus name, AMEN!