

By accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, we are to be reconciled to God. Through reconciliation we are also ambassadors of Christ. Jesus took upon himself our sin so that man could be reunited with God. Our sin separated us from God and we had no relationship with Him. God desires a relationship with each of us for eternity. He longs for us to learn about His love for each one of us and desires each of us to love Him in return and others.

- 2 Cor 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.
- 2 Cor 5:17-18 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,
- 2 Cor 5:20-21 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- 2 Cor 6:18 "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."
- Eph 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light
- Matt 22:36-40 "Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is *the* first and great commandment. And *the* second *is* like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Discussion Item 1: *How do you describe your reconciliation with God?*

Discussion Item 2: *How do you feel loved by God? When do you feel loved by God?*

Life Application: *Confess your sins immediately as they happen in order to avoid elapsed time of limited fellowship with God.*

Helpful Definition:

reconcile – To cause to be friendly again; to conciliate anew; to restore to friendship; to bring back to harmony; to cause to be no longer at variance. (*Webster*)

Notes:

Proverb 9:9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.

Psalms 119:165 Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.