



## Cross Purposes 4

### The reconciliation through the cross



What is **RECONCILIATION**?

What are the necessary conditions for reconciliation to be achieved?

#### **Alienation from God:**

What are the consequences of alienation from God?

- a) *Gen.3:23-24; 2Thess.1:8-9*
- b) *Ex.20:18-19; Heb.12:18-21*
- c) *Rom.5:10; Jam.4:4*

#### **Reconciliation with God:**

Read *2Cor.5:18-21*:

- Who took the initiative in reconciliation?
- Was it our attitude to God that needed to be changed, or God's attitude to us?  
(see also *Rom.2:5; Rom.5:9-10; Col.1:21*))
- How was reconciliation achieved?
- What part do we play?

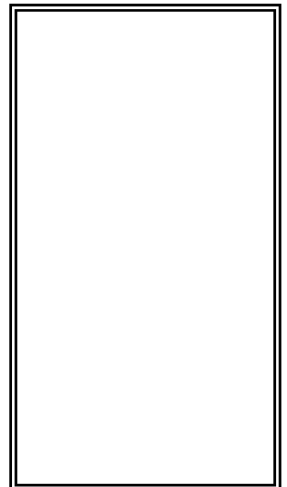
#### **Adoption by God:**

What pictures are used for entry into God's family?

- a) *Jn.3:3-8; Jn.1:12-13*
- b) *Gal.4:4-6; Eph.1:5*

What are the results?

- a) *Mt.6:9; Rom.8:15-16; Gal.4:6*
- b) *1Jn.3:1-2*
- c) *Gal.4:5*



(Rom.8:29; Col.1:18) What is the relationship in God's family between Jesus and the Christian? How does that make you feel?

### Peace with God:

#### **"Shalôm"**

Not just the absence of strife...

"Peace be to you"

...but a well-rounded, full life, lacking nothing

How was our peace with God achieved?  
(Col.1:19-20; Rom.5:1)

What does it mean for us to live at peace with God?

What are the implications for our relationships in the church?  
(Mt.5:23-24; Mt.18:21-22)

"Joy is peace with its hat thrown high in the air; and peace is joy with its arms folded in serene assurance."

### The presence of God:

Read:

- Lk.5:27-32
  - Lk.15:21-32
  - Lk.19:1-10
- } What happened after reconciliation?  
How did others react? Why?

Is.25:6-8; Mt.22:1-2; Rev.19:9  
How is heaven pictured here?

What's going to be the best thing about heaven?

What lessons are there for us as God's reconciled people?  
(Rom.12:13; 1Pet.4:9)



**"Do this in remembrance of me."**