THE UNCHANGING RECONCILING GOD - 2C5:20

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INTRODUCTION

- 1. <u>2C5:20</u> 3 pts of ref: Doct of God, His self-revelation & Redemptive History 6:2. Ambassadors who *appeal*, *beg* & *urge* <u>v18</u> & v21. Compassion.
- **2.** Today God's revelation of Himself . LBC2:1 God "w/o parts or passions"?
- **3**. We live in NEW time 5:17. *All these* [new] *thgs from God* [v18]. God does not change, His self-revelation changed. The Church declares revelation of God in Christ *to the world* [v19]. Hb 1:1-2

1st: The Reconciling God of Israel is Revealed by His Name - YHWH

- 1. Exo 34:6-8 revelation of God's name 33:18-19 shows compassion
 - i. 34:6-7a = YHWH forgiver of sin. Yet 34:7b = YHWH punisher of sin
 - ii. Tension resolved in cross [Rm 4:25]. We explain justif to world <u>2C5:19</u>
 - iii. Salvation [OT shadows] now revealed in Jesus & pro-
- **2.** YHWH rev'd Himself to His chosen people: Israel. Num 6:22-27 Lord's *face* now revealed in Jesus Christ 2Cor 4:5.

2nd: The Reconciling God was Declared to Ninevah

1. Revelation of compassion to Assyrians?! <u>Jonah 4:2</u> cites Exo 34:6-7; v11

3rd: The Reconciling God is Revealed in the Incarnate God, Jesus Christ

- 1. Jesus is the revelation of reconciling God Jn 1:9; Tit 2:11; 3:4; Jn 3:16-17.
- 2. See Jesus light of Exo 34:6-7. YHWH come to save His people.
- **3**. We have entered *the day of salvation*. Church declares gospel to all men & Christ calls His elect sheep & they hear & follow Him.

- **4.** <u>A 14:15-17</u> idolaters, recipients of common grace, now told of saving grace.
- 5. We know the revelation of YHWH's name now in Jesus Christ.
 - i. $\underline{\text{Exo } 34:6-7a} = \text{rev of God in Jesus' } 1^{\text{st}} \text{ coming -> gospel preaching}$
 - ii. $\underline{\text{Exo } 34:7b} = \text{rev of God at Jesus' } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ coming: FJ } -> \text{eternity}$
- **6**. God reveals Himself to His people & we declare that revelation to all men. His revelation is full & final in Jesus. We are in a new *day of salvation*.
- 7. <u>LBC 2:1</u> cites Exo 34:6-8. We confess Jesus w/ Thomas: *My Lord & my God*