

## INTRODUCTION

1. 2C5:18-21 - Review

**1<sup>st</sup>: God Purposes to Reconcile His People to Himself Through The Cross**

1. *so that* v21b = purpose clause: divine intent & design
2. Cross accomplished God's purpose - Col 1:19-22
  - i. v22 purpose clause - to present us in glory: conformed to Christ
  - ii. How? v19 - thru incarnation; v20 thru cross [v22]
  - iii. What? v20 *all thgs* [v16ff creator/ reconciler] Cosmic Christ
  - iv. Who? v22 the "not-yet you". v18 1<sup>st</sup> place in everythg - Rm 8:28-30 you conformed to Christ - the true who in view [Rm 11:36].
  - v. Who? the "already-you": v21,23 repentant, believing, persevering
3. Such reconciliation is glorious - "Hallelujah!"

**2<sup>nd</sup> God Purposes to Reconcile His People to Himself Thru Preaching the Cross**

1. Connect Christ's work on cross & apostle's preaching the cross. What Jesus accomplished achieves intended purpose thru preaching - v18-6:1
  - i. reconciliation is explained & proclaimed
  - ii. objective basis of reconciliation is declared & believed
  - iii. we who have been reconciled appeal
2. What Christ accomplished is what we preach & what occurs - v21: the what; the why; the who

**3<sup>rd</sup> God Promises To Reconcile His People Thru The Preaching of the Cross**

1. Christ accomplished - not made possible - reconciliation for His people. *It is finished!* Triumph! Jn 6:39-40; 10:14-16, 27-29
  - i. Not possibility. His sheep are given by Father - Jn 17:4; Hb 9:12
2. 2C5:21 = accomplished fact - hearer given command: *be reconciled to God* [passive imperative] - be acted upon!
3. *Might become* - subjunctive mood of future possibility: an "IF"! v20-21 is a promise. Will you believe it? Rm 10:8-17

**Applic #1: Unbelievers Hear a Summons to Trust the Promise Keeping God**

1. Unbeliever: Jesus saves His people. It is not yet certain whether you are one of His people. You hear a promise from *God who cannot lie* [Tit 1:2].
2. God's wrath certainly abides on all who serve other gods.
3. God is faithful to save all who repent & turn to Christ for salvation. *Whoever believes will not be disappointed.*

**Applic #2: Brethren: Exercise Faith at LT & Meditate on 2C5:21 w/ Thxgvg**

1. We continually repent & believe & experience salvation - Rm 8:32; 2C1:20.