



Ephesians 3:1

Before I Pray: Reconciliation Outweighs the Risks

Ephesians Today: God is revealing His Love, Power, and Truth through Christ, uniting all things in His Son, and by illuminating the church to learn its calling in Christ He is compelling them to live in harmony with their calling

Synopsis: Chapter 3 is a transition from the confident conclusion (in vv.19-22 of chapter 2) to a compelling petition for Christ-like conduct in chapters 4-6.

LESSON: What Happens When Reconciliation Convinces You

I. _____ (v.1a, v.13)

II. _____ (v.1b)

III. _____ (v.1c)

Reconciliation's Reward (Eph. 2:19-22; 3:1, 14):

- (1) The Fragrance of Forgiveness (Eph. 4:32-5:2)
- (2) The Death to Pride (ethnic pride and personal pride, Eph. 4:3)
- (3) The War Against Impatience (Eph. 4:2)
- (4) The Mortification of Unloving Communication (Eph. 4:15; 4:29)

God by His Grace:

- (1) Conquers Your Sinful Will to love Self Above Others
- (2) Compels You to See Every Crisis as Christ Honoring Moments
- (3) Commits You to His Central Plan in Christ
- (4) Consistently Keeps You in the truth