

## *Atonement: Reconciliation*

### *Introduction / Review*

#### ***I. Reconciliation Defined and Illustrated in General...***

##### ***A. Man is born in original sin and guilty before God...***

1. The “arminian” misconception concerning original sin and man’s need of reconciliation...  
See “Canons of Dort Article V

2. *Ephesians 2:3* describes our state by nature...

##### ***B. Reconciliation Generally Defined...***

“To restore someone to the favor of another through the removal of offences...”

1. *Matthew 5:23-24*

2. *I Corinthians 7:11*

#### ***II. The Biblical Focus of Reconciliation...***

##### ***A. Originally man lived in harmony with God...***

##### ***B. He fell in Adam***

##### ***C. This fall resulted in depravity and enmity...***

*Romans 8:7; Genesis 6:5; Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23*

Points to Consider:

#### ***III. Two Vital Passages to Consider...***

*Romans 5:8-11; II Corinthians 5:18-21*

##### ***A. The Supreme manifestation of God’s love...      *Romans 5:8****

##### ***B. The Emphasis should be upon God’s attitude as demonstrated in an historical event...***

***C. We must be reconciled, not God... II Corinthians 5:19***

***D. The Work of Reconciliation isn't our work but God's work in Christ... II Corinthians 5:18-19***

***E. Reconciliation is a Finished work... II Corinthians 5:18, 19, 21 (note the past tense usage of the verbs)***

***F. Closing thoughts about the use of the word world...***