

The Actual Accomplishments of the Crucifixion of Christ, Pt.4 Reconciliation Romans 5

Romans 5:1 (NKJV)

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:6–11 (NKJV)

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Introduction

This past week on Thursday was the 280th anniversary of one of the greatest sermons ever preached.

On July 8, 1741, Jonathan Edwards started a sermon that he would not finish.

The fires of Great Awakening revival were burning brilliantly throughout New England. Iain Murray notes,

“As spring passed into summer 1741 no one could well keep track of the number of places which were also witnessing the revival. (It was amazing because) Churches, which in some cases had been cold and dry at the beginning of the year, were transformed before the end.

In the 1700s, a European philosophical movement known as the Enlightenment, or the Age of Reason, was making its way across the Atlantic Ocean to the American colonies.

Enlightenment thinkers emphasized a scientific and logical view of the world, while downplaying religion.

In many ways, religion was becoming more formal and less personal during this time, which led to lower church attendance. Christians were feeling complacent with their methods of worship, and some were disillusioned with how wealth and rationalism were dominating culture.

<https://www.history.com/topics/british-history/great-awakening>

When Theodore Frelinghuysen, a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, came to begin his pastoral work in New Jersey during the 1720's, he was shocked by the deadness of the churches in America.. Presbyterian evangelist Gilbert Tennent believed the deadness of the churches was in part due to so many pastors having never been converted themselves. His book *On the Dangers of an Unconverted Ministry* caused quite a stir!

<https://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1701-1800/the-great-awakening-11630212.html>

But God was moving, sermons that had previously been preached where now being visited by the Holy Spirit and a powerful and saving way.

“It is astonishing,” wrote Edwards, “to see the alteration that there is in some towns, where before was but little appearance of religion.”¹

As Jonathan Edwards put it in a letter to Thomas Prince, a pastor in Boston, “It was a very frequent thing to see a house full of outcries, faintings, convulsions and such like, both with distress and also with admiration and joy.”²

The faith and prayers of the righteous leaders were the foundation of the Great Awakening. Before a meeting, George Whitefield would spend hours--and sometimes all night--bathing an event in prayers. Fervent church members kept the fires of revival going through their genuine petitions for God's intervention in the lives of their communities.

<https://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1701-1800/the-great-awakening-11630212.html>

This background to the famous preaching of the “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” is important to grasp. Edwards’s sermon did not occur in a vacuum. There was a wide and general revival occurring at the time of his preaching. But what is even more important to understand is that the place where Edwards preached the sermon was, up until the moment when Edwards preached, distinctly *resistant* to the revival. While in nearby towns, many were being converted—one church received 95 new members into the church on one Sunday alone—

Enfield was becoming notorious for resisting the work of God at the time.

Edwards had preached “Sinners in the Hands of An Angry God” before. He had preached it at Northampton, in his own home church. There were no reported astonishing manifestations, or response, or emotion, at that time of preaching. But now he came to preach it at Enfield—this town holding out against the revival—and God blessed the preaching of his Word in an *extraordinary* manner.

One tradition has it that Edwards was not even the designated or intended preacher that day. He was a stand-in. Such is the strange providence of God

As one participant later recalled, when the ministers entered the church at Enfield, the gathered people were “thoughtless and vain.” By comparison with other towns at the time, the people there were not even showing any particular interest—let alone great passion—regarding the things of God. In fact, they “hardly conducted themselves with common decency.”³ This was not an auspicious beginning. There was no ‘atmosphere’ of readiness and seriousness, nor even normal, polite attentiveness.

But then Edwards began to preach

Samuel Hopkins, in his *Life of President Edwards*, gives a famous set of descriptions of his preaching. Everyone at the time acknowledged Edwards as an “Eminent Preacher.” This, Hopkins says, was for three principal reasons.

First, Edwards “took great pains in composing his sermons . . . He wrote most of his sermons all out, for near twenty years after he began to preach; though he did not confine himself wholly to his notes in delivering them.”

Second, “his great acquaintance with divinity, his study, and knowledge of the Bible. His extensive and universal knowledge, and great clearness of thought.”

Third, “his great acquaintance with his own heart, his inward sense, and relish of divine things . . . this gave him a great insight into human nature: he knew what was in man both the saint and sinner.” Hopkins added that “his appearance in the desk was with a good grace, and his delivery easy, natural and very solemn.”⁴

On this day in history, Jonathan Edwards started a sermon that he did not finish. Such was the impact of his preaching that the people listening shrieked and cried out, and the crying and weeping became so loud that Edwards was forced to discontinue the

sermon. Instead, the pastors went down among the people and prayed with them in groups. Many came to a saving knowledge of Christ that day.

Edwards topic was “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” i.e the wrath of God toward Sinners.

Preaching on hell was not unusual in 18th-century New England. What made Edwards’s sermon impactful was not that he preached on hell, but *how* he preached on hell. By contrast, we rarely (if ever) even mention hell from our pulpits today.

Edwards’s sermon is astonishing for its sustained use of arresting verbal images. “Your wickedness makes you as it were heavy as lead, and to tend downwards with great weight and pressure towards hell; and if God should let you go, you would immediately sink and swiftly descend and plunge into the bottomless gulf.”⁵

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If anything was true about the Great Awakening. It was the fact that 1000s were converted under the preaching of the terrors of the punishment for Sin. The problem, the pervasive nature of sin was coupled with the Penalty and punishment of sin from a Holy and Wrathful God.

The topic of Sin was not avoided but rather clearly defined

And God's hatred of it was not denied but rather amplified.

And the only solution given was the all sufficient, efficacious and vicarious Atonement of Christ.

His Death meant the salvation of wretched sinners.

Review.

John 19:28–30 (NKJV)

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, **“I thirst!”** ²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put *it* on hyssop, and put *it* to His mouth.

³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **“It is finished!”** And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

We have stopped here for a few Sundays to explore what it was that Jesus actually accomplished on the Cross. What was it that He said was finished.

That has taken us to deeper study of some of the specific accomplishments of this history actual atonement nearly 2000 years ago.

First we considered Substitution

Second We looked at Propitiation

Now we come to the 2 message on Reconciliation.

Colossians 1:21 (NKJV)

²¹ And you, who **once** were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

enemies

echthros: hostile

Original Word: ἐχθρός, á, óν

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: echthros

Phonetic Spelling: (ech-thros')

Definition: hostile

Usage: hated, hostile; subst: an enemy.

2190 exthrós – properly, an enemy; someone openly hostile (at enmity), animated by deep-seated hatred.

2190/exthros ("enemy"), implies irreconcilable

hostility, proceeding out of a "personal" hatred bent on inflicting harm (DNNTT).

[2190 (exthrós) describes a person resolved to inflict harm (see DNNTT, Vol 1, 553) – i.e. driven by irreconcilable, deep-rooted enmity.]

denotes the inner disposition from which hostility arises, i.e., “hatred

Luke 19:43–45 (NKJV)

⁴³ For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, ⁴⁴ and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

Revelation 11:5 (NKJV)

⁵ And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.

Acts 13:8–10 (NKJV)

⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the

proconsul away from the faith. ⁹ Then Saul, who also *is called* Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰ and said, “O full of all deceit and all fraud, *you* son of the devil, *you* enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?

1 Corinthians 15:25–26 (NKJV)

²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death.

So this enemy of God is the worst of the worst. The most hostile, the most violent, the most hateful. The most ill-willed. The one who desires the most destruction as possible. The one who desires your death and will do all he can to accomplish that death.

Where does this kind of hostility come from.

The Bible pinpoints the most corrupt and most depraved part of all of us, as our minds or our hearts.

Colossians 1:21 (NKJV)

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies **in your mind** by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

Jeremiah 17:9 (NKJV)

⁹ “The heart *is* **deceitful** above all *things*,
And **desperately wicked**;
Who can know it?

deceitful aqob: crooked

Original Word: עִקֵּב

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: aqob

Phonetic Spelling: (aw-kobe')

Definition: insidious, deceitful, tracked by footprints
crooked, deceitful, polluted.

desperately wicked, incurable, sick, woeful

desperately wicked

anash: to be weak, sick

Original Word: אָנַשׁ

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: anash

Phonetic Spelling: (aw-nash')

Definition: to be weak, sick

A primitive root; to be frail, feeble, or (figuratively) melancholy -- desperate(-ly wicked), incurable, sick, woeful.

Genesis 6:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

Genesis 8:21 (NKJV)

²¹ And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, “I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

Job 15:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ How much less man, *who is* abominable and filthy, Who drinks iniquity like water!

Ecclesiastes 9:3 (NKJV)

³ This *is* an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing *happens* to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness *is* in their hearts while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead.

Matthew 15:19–20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. ²⁰ These are *the things* which defile a man,.....

Mark 7:21 (NKJV)

²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts,.....

John Calvin said,
Our hearts are idol factories.

Lesson

What was it that caused us to be enemies of God.

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²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

This can be summed up in the one thing that came into the universe when Adam and Even were in the in the Garden of Eden...sin.

Not the sin of the Devil but the sin of man.

Our sin.

Our sin has separated us from God.

Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV)

² But your iniquities have separated you from your
 God;
 And your sins have hidden *His* face from you,
 So that He will not hear.

Sin is the universal incurable problem that all
 mankind faces.

Wars and conflicts

decease and death

anger and murder

lust and sexual abuse and rape

are all symptoms on an internal problem that has
 warped the mind and heart of man.

It brings calamity and chaos to everything.

It is the reason we have the law of entrophy

It is the reason all things decay and die

It is what produces the horrors of evil that are
 incomprehensible the man.

It is the root of the holocaust

It is the source of all abortion

It is fuel of all child sex trafficking.

It is the simmering coals of all hatred of men.

It is the food of the decisive man

It is the stench of death.

It hates, It kills, It slaughters, It murmurs, it complains, it lies, it deceives.

It blinds the heart in unbelief, It causes the destruction of soul

By any device of man it is incurable. No amount of counseling can stop it. No amount of social reform can curb it. No medication can rid the body of it. No surgical procedure can remove it.

It has saturated every part of man. His mind, His heart, his emotions, his will are affected by the ever present evil of sin.

If you bind it, it breaks free, if you confine it it finds a way out. If you redefine it, it grows. If you ignore it, it will kill you.

You can't run from it, you can't hide from it.

Where ever you go, you take it with you.

J. O. Philpot stated:

As no heart can sufficiently conceive, so no tongue can adequately express, the state of wretchedness and ruin into which sin has cast guilty, miserable man. In separating him from God, it severed him from the only source of all happiness and holiness. It has ruined him body and soul: the one it has filled with sickness and disease; in the other it has defaced and destroyed

the image of God in which it was created. It has made him love sin and hate God.

https://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/sdg/depravity_nook.html

Theologians and Pastors of our past would refer to humanity as Totally Depraved.

It was not meant by this, that all were as bad as they could possibly be but rather all parts of man are affected by man, All parts of man are depraved.

The Bible says that we are slaves of sin. We do the bidding of our master....sin.

The Biblical picture of Sin is grotesque.

Romans 3:13–18 (NKJV)

- 13 *“Their throat is an open tomb;
With their tongues they have practiced deceit”;
“The poison of asps is under their lips”;*
- 14 *“Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.”*
- 15 *“Their feet are swift to shed blood;*
- 16 *Destruction and misery are in their ways;*
- 17 *And the way of peace they have not known.”*
- 18 *“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”*

As a result of the defiling nature of sin

Romans 3:10–12 (NKJV)

¹⁰ As it is written:

“There is none righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ *There is none who understands;*

There is none who seeks after God.

¹² *They have all turned aside;*

They have together become unprofitable;

There is none who does good, no, not one.”

It is universal. All men women and children are affected and saturated with sin.

Romans 3:9 (NKJV)

⁹ For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

Romans 3:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Romans 3:22–23 (NKJV)

²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ For *there is* not a just man on earth who does good
And does not sin.

We are currently living in a very dangerous time, and I'm not talking about the increase threat of socialism or totalitarianism in our country or of the tremendous increase in violent crime or even the obvious and noticeable increase in the blatant and public displays of perversity.

I'm talking about the redefining and obfuscation of sin.

We have had in the recent years the huge impact of our culture and the secular and some christian counseling to redefine some sins as sickness to be medicated or addressed with therapy instead of repented.

According to Associate Professor Sonia Waters, PhD '13, *The Gerasene Demoniac in the Gospel of Mark* reveals a valuable lesson about addiction. In this particular scripture, Jesus encounters a man who is possessed by a demon. His condition is "Legion," the result of various sources of suffering, and the consequences are both personal and social: he harms himself and is rejected by others. But Jesus knows the difference between the voice of the man and the voice of the Legion. "I use this scripture to emphasize the difference between the person and their addiction," says Waters. "The person is not evil; they've been invaded by a disease that causes spiritual pain."

In her first book, *Addiction and Pastoral Care*, Waters posits that addiction is an expression of suffering. "People turn to substances to help them cope with inner or outer problems," explains Waters. "That benefit eventually turns against them, and becomes something akin to a possession when the addiction takes over." Through this lens, the blame is not on the individual, but on the structures of racism, poverty, and abuse that make substances appealing in the first place. Addicts, then, are not sinners. They are suffering, first from the pain that drives them to substance abuse, and then by the ravages of addiction itself.

Waters was promoted to associate professor of pastoral theology in October 2020. Jacqueline Lapsley, dean and vice president of academic affairs and professor of Old Testament, says “Princeton Seminary is truly blessed and proud to have Prof. Waters on our faculty and her promotion to associate professor with tenure rightly acknowledges the excellence of her teaching and scholarship. Her work on addiction breaks new and important ground in the field of pastoral theology from which both church and society will benefit enormously.”

<https://www.ptsem.edu/news/redefining-sin-as-suffering>

So addictions to alcohol, drugs, sexual sin are not sins to be repented of but rather a suffering to be embraced and worked through.

Add to this the recent confessions of prominent professing christian musicians and Pastors to being homosexual and then not repenting but rather embracing the lifestyle by stating this is the way God made me, has continued the slide away from the sinfulness of sin. You don't need to repent of this and find forgiveness in Christ, you need to embrace it as how God made you.

In an article with *Christianity Today* he states, “I’d denied it ever since I was a kid. I became a Christian, I thought that was the way to deal with this and I prayed hard and tried for 30-something years and then at the end, I was just going, ‘I’m still gay. I know I am.’ And I just got to the place where I couldn’t take it anymore . . . when I was going through all this darkness, I thought, ‘Just end this.’” He goes on to say, “This is what it really comes down to, if this is the way God made me, then this is the way I’m going to live. It’s not like God made me this way and He’ll send me to hell if I am who He created me to be. . . . I really feel closer to God because I no longer hate myself.”

Self-esteem is more valued than holiness. Comfort and the path of least resistance are sought over self-denial and personal sacrifice. We call this mishmash of feelings, opinions, self-esteem, and personal comfort Christianity. We surround ourselves with “Christian teachers” who make us feel better about living in sin. Instead of calling us to repentance and self-denial, these preachers and teachers refuse to call sin what God calls sin.

<https://mbcpathway.com/2008/10/02/article153580-htm/>

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Jeremiah 23:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Also I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem:

They commit adultery and walk in lies;
 They also strengthen the hands of evildoers,
 So that no one turns back from his wickedness.
 All of them are like Sodom to Me,
 And her inhabitants like Gomorrah.

Jeremiah 23:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ They continually say to those who despise Me,
 ‘The Lord has said, “You shall have peace” ’;
 And *to* everyone who walks according to the
 dictates of his own heart, they say,
 ‘No evil shall come upon you.’ ”

A preacher or teacher who falsely asserts that God will not judge those who are living in, habitually practicing, disobedience, whether it is homosexuality, adultery, fornication, idolatry, anger, or even lust, is a false prophet who should not be listened to.

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This is the way it has been from the beginning

First the Devil redefines sin

Its not as bad as God leads you to believe

God is keeping something good from you.

Then man blames God for the condition he is in.

First the Devil redefines sin

Genesis 2:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Genesis 3:1–5 (NKJV)

3 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ”

⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat

of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Then man blames God for the condition he is in.

Genesis 3:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹.....Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

¹² Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

In the most recent months we have seen the dominance of social justice and Critical Race theory take center stage in our culture.

Whether our country can make it through this has yet to be seen. But this is one of the most subversive, destructive and divisive things I have ever seen

It is devastating on a number of levels

It makes turns racism on its head and makes it a noble and worthwhile goal. It was once a vice, now it is a virtue.

It makes sinners victims for instead of perpetrators of there own sin.

It blames others for your sinful tendencies and actions and removes personal responsibilities.

It fuels hate and division and pits one man against another.

These and others have place us in a a most precarious position.

The greatest problem man faces that separates him from God and eternal life is systematically being redefine and erased.

The enemy of sin has been painted over with camouflage and is believed not to be there when in fact it is crouching at the door ready to pounce on the sinner and devour him alive.

1 John 1:8;10 (NKJV)

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

So what is sin. What is this that has cause so much pain and heartache and disease and death.

What is this that separates man from God that
Makes man the enemy of God.

What is sin that God would banish men and women
to eternal Hell to be tortured in the Presence of The
Lord and and His Angels.

1 John 3:4 (NKJV)

4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness,
and sin is lawlessness.

1 John 3:4 (NASB95)

4 Everyone who practices sin also practices
lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

anomia: lawlessness

Original Word: ἀνομία, ας, ἡ

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: anomia

Phonetic Spelling: (an-om-ee'-ah)

Definition: lawlessness

Usage: lawlessness, iniquity, disobedience, sin.

458 anomía (from 1 /A "not" and 3551 /nómos, "law")

– properly, without law;

lawlessness; the utter disregard for God's law (His written and living Word).

458 /anomía ("lawlessness") includes the end-impact of law breaking – i.e. its negative influence on a person's soul (status before God).

Deuteronomy 9:4–16 (NKJV)

⁴ “Do not think in your heart, after the Lord your God has cast them out before you, saying, ‘Because of my righteousness the Lord has brought me in to possess this land’; but *it is* because of the **wickedness** of these nations *that* the Lord is driving them out from before you. ⁵ *It is* not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart *that* you go in to possess their land, but because of the **wickedness** of these nations *that* the Lord your God drives them out from before you, and that He may fulfill the word which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ⁶ Therefore understand that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you *are* a **stiff-necked** people.

⁷ “Remember! Do not forget how you provoked the Lord your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day that you departed from the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been **rebellious**

against the Lord. ⁸ Also in Horeb you provoked the Lord to wrath, so that the Lord was angry *enough* with you to have destroyed you. ⁹ When I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the Lord made with you, then I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water.

¹⁰ Then the Lord delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them *were* all the words which the Lord had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. ¹¹ And it came to pass, at the end of forty days and forty nights, *that* the Lord gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.

¹² “Then the Lord said to me, ‘Arise, go down quickly from here, for your people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted **corruptly**; they have quickly **turned aside from the way** which I commanded them; they have made themselves a molded image.’

¹³ “Furthermore the Lord spoke to me, saying, ‘I have seen this people, and indeed they are a **stiff-necked** people. ¹⁴ Let Me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.’

¹⁵ “So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire; and the two tablets of the covenant *were* in my two hands. ¹⁶ And I looked, and behold, **you had sinned** against the Lord your God—had made for yourselves a molded calf! You **had turned aside** quickly from the way which the Lord had commanded you.

for thou art a stiffnecked people] Apparently first used of Israel (in connection with the golden calf) in J, [Exodus 33:3](#); [Exodus 34:9](#) ([Exodus 32:9](#); [Exodus 33:5](#) are editorial); then here and [Deuteronomy 9:13](#) : cp. [Deuteronomy 10:16](#), [Deuteronomy 31:27](#). Cp. [Isaiah 48:4](#) : **thou art obstinate, thy neck is an iron sinew**: the figure is of an animal refusing to turn in the direction his rider desires.

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Verse 6. - **Stiffnecked**, hard of neck; stubborn, obstinate, rebellious. [Deuteronomy 9:6](#)

wickedness

rasha: wicked, criminal

Original Word: רָשָׁע

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: rasha

Phonetic Spelling: (raw-shaw')

Definition: wicked, criminal

rebellious

corrupt

shachath: perhaps to go to ruin

Original Word: שָׁחַת

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: shachath

Phonetic Spelling: (shaw-khath')

Definition: perhaps to go to ruin or pervert

stiff-necked

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1 Samuel 15:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

Isaiah 53:8 (NKJV)

⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment,
And who will declare His generation?
For He was cut off from the land of the living;
For the transgressions of My people He was
stricken.

James 2:9 (NKJV)

⁹ but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

parabatés: one who stands beside

Original Word: παραβάτης, ου, ό

Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine

Transliteration: parabatés

Phonetic Spelling: (par-ab-at'-ace)

Definition: one who stands beside

Usage: a transgressor, law-breaker.

Cognate: 3848 parabátēs (from 3848 /parabátēs, "contrary to" and 939 /básis, "go") – properly, someone who steps over (walks contrary to) God's line. Accordingly, 3848 /parabátēs ("transgressor") refers to a deliberate violator (transgressor) of God's law. See 3847 (parabasis).

from

parabaínō (from 3844 /pará, "beside, contrary to" and baínō, "go") – properly, to transgress in a willful (defiant) way, deliberately stepping over a known line, i.e. as a fully willful decision. See 3847 (parabasis).

Sin and Transgression in the Bible
is seen as

- 1 Action or deeds
2. Attitude or Desires
3. Deposition or Bent.

1. **Action or Deeds**

defined in 10 commandments Exodus 20

Exodus 20:3–17 (NKJV)

3 “You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—
any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above,
or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the
water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down
to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your
God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of
the fathers upon the children to the third and
fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶ but
showing mercy to thousands, to those who love
Me and keep My commandments.

7 “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God
in vain, for the Lord will not hold *him* guiltless
who takes His name in vain.

8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six
days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but
the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the Lord your
God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your
son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant,
nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor
your stranger who *is* within your gates. ¹¹ For *in*
six days the Lord made the heavens and the
earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested
the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the
Sabbath day and hallowed it.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor’s.”

2. Sins of Attitude or Desire.

Matthew 5:21–22 (NKJV)

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘*You shall not murder*, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.

Matthew 5:27–28 (NKJV)

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘*You shall not commit adultery.*’ ²⁸ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

3. Sin of Disposition or Bent.

This is your nature.

this is not your deeds of sin or your attitude or desire for sin, but this is the reason you sin.

You sin because you are a sinner not you are a sinner because you sin.

You and I are born sinners bent that way. Our normal natural nature is to sin.

Romans 5:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.

Romans 5:12 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Ephesians 2:2 (NKJV)

²in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Here now is the insurmountable problem that Man can not solve and that he finds him self in

As a result of his sin of

Action and deed

Attitude and Desire

Deposition and Bent

HE is Condemned and under the Wrath of God.

John 3:18–19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:36–4:1 (NKJV)

³⁶ He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

Ephesians 2:3 (NKJV)

³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the

desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

We have all violated the law of God 100s of thousands of times in a lifetime. We are guilty of transgression and disobedience and are deserving of Capital punishment

The Justice of God Screams for the Death of the transgressor.

Our sin is piled up, it is heaped up and is a great stench in His Presence and is wretched in His sight. And the Holiness of God burns in fury and wrath against the least of all sin.

What we call a white lie or a little sin can send a sinner to hell forever

Ezekiel 18:4 (NKJV)

⁴ “Behold, all souls are Mine;
The soul of the father
As well as the soul of the son is Mine;
The soul who sins shall die.

Ezekiel 18:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of

the son. and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

Deuteronomy 24:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ “Fathers shall not be put to death for *their* children, nor shall children be put to death for *their* fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death,

So what separates us and makes us an enemy of God is the same thing that separated us and brought death on the whole human race in the Garden.

It is sin.

Sin must be dealt with.

Sin has brought hostility between God and man.

God is....

Psalm 7:11–13 (NKJV)

¹¹ God *is* a just judge,
And God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

¹² If he does not turn back,
He will sharpen His sword;
He bends His bow and makes it ready.

¹³ He also prepares for Himself instruments of death;

He makes His arrows into fiery shafts.

There is war between God and Man.
Man hates God and God is at war with him
Left unsolved. God will win. His justice will prevail.
From the most Evil of men to the nicest most polite
person you know, All will be punished and smaller
amount of sin will be judged.
Sin may have a Season But God will have all
eternity to Judge the sinner.
So this sin problem is a real problem,
an eternal problem if left alone.

So in order for you to live,...Sin must be forgiven, It
must be removed, it must be erased. It must be
eternally banished from the Presence of God.

In order for this to be resolved. The offended person
needs to forgive the offense.

In order for the Peace to come in the War, the
offended person needs to be willing to reconcile with
the sinner.

Reconciliation needs to happen.

But this is not dependent on the offernder or the
sinner. It is dependent on the Offended or God.

It's not that God is waiting you to accept Him.
We are hoping He will accept us.

It doesn't depend on our stopping of rejecting Him, It depends on Him stopping the rejection of us

This leads us to the glorious gospel of Reconciliation
This is one of the great accomplishments of the
Cross.

Real sinners who sinned real Sin have been Really
reconciled to the Real God

The Real Wrath of God has complete appeased and
Real Peace has come.

The Wrath of God has been quenched

The Fires of the fury of His justice have been put
out.

The Peace of God has settled over the sinner like
the stillness after a turbulent storm.

Lets now discuss the beautiful of Reconciliation
that brings the sinner back into a wrathless and
peaceful relationship with God

1. Reconciliation is of God
2. Reconciliation is Through Christ.
3. Reconciliation Eternally Accomplished

1. Reconciliation is of God

Romans 5:6–11 (NKJV)

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17–21 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God,

18. τὰ δὲ πάντα ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ. ‘But all these new things come from God.’ They are His creation. The καινὴ κτίσις is no spontaneous development, and it is not man’s own work on himself

Plummer, A. (1915). *A critical and exegetical commentary on the Second epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians*. (p. 181). New York: T&T Clark.

not only the creation of the new man by all that leads up to this.

The entire work of reconciliation is God.

who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

There is nothing in scripture that says or implies that we help God reconcile us to Himself. Or that we are cooperation with God so this can take place.

Colossians 1:19–20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

This was done when you did not exist.

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ,

has reconciled -- Aorist active Participle,
having been reconciled.
done and complete.

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

God **was** in Christ

eimi Imperfect active verb was continually in the past

This refers to the incarnation, in the past

reconciling the world to Himself,

Present Participle

God was continually in Christ in his incarnation and death on the Cross reconciling the World to himself
This was an history act by Christ that accomplished real reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us,

He made Him

who knew no sin both are Aorist verbs and place this event at the cross

It is a real historic event that men and women, Jew and Gentile, slave and free were reconciled to God

So all is of God.

This originates with God and is accomplished by God.

MacArthur, J. F., Jr

“...reconciliation is not something man does but what he receives; it is not what he accomplishes but what he embraces. Reconciliation does not happen

when man decides to stop rejecting God but when God decides to stop rejecting man. It is a divine provision by which God's holy displeasure against alienated sinners is appeased, His hostility against them removed, and a harmonious relationship between Him and them established.

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2003). [2 Corinthians](#) (p. 200). Chicago: Moody Publishers.

How is this done, How is this Accomplished.

1. Reconciliation is of God

2. Reconciliation is Through Christ.

This is explained in 2 verses

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2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The phrase **not counting their trespasses against them** reveals the means of reconciliation—the

forgiveness of sins. Only by having the guilt of sin forgiven can sinners be reconciled to God, since it is sin that separates them eternally from Him.

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2003). [2 Corinthians](#) (p. 205). Chicago: Moody Publishers.

Charles Spurgeon warned

“You and your sins must separate or you and your God will never come together”

(“Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth,” in *The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit*, vol. 21 [Pasadena, Tex.: Pilgrim, 1980], 88).

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2003). [2 Corinthians](#) (p. 205). Chicago: Moody Publishers.

Our sin was not imputed or put to our account and we were and are not held liable for the sin.

Rather

All of our sin was placed on Christ and He was punished for our sin.

God punished Christ as if He were punishing us on the Cross.

So all the Sin of all you believe would be paid for and just would be met and true forgiveness can be given.

1. Reconciliation is of God
2. Reconciliation is Through Christ.
3. Reconciliation Eternally Accomplished

How do we know this.

1. All our sin has been paid for and forgiven

John 1:29 (NKJV)

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree,...

Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV)

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Colossians 2:13–14 (NKJV)

¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, ¹⁴ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

1 John 1:7 (NKJV)

⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Revelation 1:5 (NKJV)

⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

Psalms 32:1–2 (NKJV)

- ¹ Blessed *is he* whose transgression *is* forgiven,
Whose sin *is* covered.
- ² Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord does not
impute iniquity,
And in whose spirit *there is* no deceit.

Romans 4:8 (NKJV)

⁸ *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin.*”

Reconciliation occurs because God was graciously willing to design a way to have all the sins of those who are His removed from them “as far as the east

is from the west” (Ps. 103:12), “cast all their sins into the depths of the sea” (Mic. 7:19), and “cast all [their] sins behind [His] back” (Isa. 38:17).”

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2003). [2 Corinthians](#) (p. 200). Chicago: Moody Publishers.

1. All our sin has been paid for and forgiven

2. The Wrath of God against Sin for the one who believes is appeased.

Romans 5:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved (F.P.I) from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Romans 8:1 (NKJV)

8 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

John 5:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

1 Thessalonians 1:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NKJV)

⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

1. All our sin has been paid for and forgiven

2. The Wrath of God against Sin for the one who believes is appeased

3. Peace is now accomplished for the Repentant Sinner.

Romans 5:1 (NKJV)

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace **with** God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 2:14–17 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, ¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. ¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

Colossians 1:19–20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross

1 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for (peri) sins, the just for (huper) the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

Reconciliation

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for (peri) sins that He might bring us to God

Propitiation-

the just for the unjust

Substitution

the just for (huper) the unjust

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.