

**General Topics :: We were reconciled to God before repentance**

**We were reconciled to God before repentance, on: 2010/8/10 13:53**

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We were reconciled to God before repentance, faith or belief.  
When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,

**Re: We were reconciled to God before repentance - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2010/8/10 15:25**

i am not arguing what you say, although one could "read in" you are saying repentance is not needed... I hope you do not mean that, but more important I think you are missing the "great" truth for the smaller one in this passage, the "great" truth is not that he loved us even when we were sinners, to me it is the latter part "much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His Life."

If Christ death can give us reconciliation with God, how much more do we get from Christ life! MUCH MORE.... so what we should strive to seek out since we are saved, what is this much more we should be saved from once we are reconciled with God, much more.... amazing words.

**Re: We were reconciled to God before repentance - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2010/8/10 16:50**

Don't know what you're trying to say Tuc, but that Subject title alone sends chills up & down my spine. What comes to my mind is "How can 2 walk together unless they agree?".... I believe in both the free-will of man, & the sovereignty of God

**Re: repentance is not needed., on: 2010/8/10 18:16**

I never said that repentance is not important, but it is true that repentance is not needed to be reconciled with God.

**Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/8/10 18:51**

You should read Except Ye Repent but Harry Ironside great book that is available free to read online.

**Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2010/8/10 20:18**

What's your definition of "reconciled to God"?

**Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2010/8/11 0:30**

Many verses speak of repentance as very necessary for salvation, I will list a few, the problem i think is when we try and make salvation within a fixed box. I am sure some believed , repented in that order, some may had the other way around . I think so many try "systemaize" to much and have a perfect understanding and order of divine things that are beyond our full comprehension. As is salvation, that God reconciled us to to when we still were sinners i dont think anyone will argue against. But i think salvation is a very broad thing, its spoken of in three different tenses in scripture, past , present and future. So one could say its a "process" in one way, and in another sense it is set and foreknown by God and he determined his Son to come and die for us while we yet were sinners.

but some scriptures that no doubt say repentance is needed to be saved are these.

Mar 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Mar 6:12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

Luk 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luk 13:5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Act 8:22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee

Act 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Act 26:20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Rev 2:16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

one could argue that if you do not continue to live in continual repentance, you might not be saved in a future tense even tho you in a past tense have been saved, some scripture seem to suggest that possibility. And these are just a few scriptures amongst many more speaking of repentance as something essential, saying repentance is not "needed" would be heresy when looking at classical historic christianity.

I do not think the sequence of salvation is the most important, as long as you can see that all "ingredients" are there, then what occurs first second and third is not an important issue, as long as you clearly can see all in place, my experience that i for my self also see in scripture is it can differ from person to person, some seem to have been agonizing in repentance for weeks before coming to believe. Others believed and later repented afterwards. Paul the apostle did not repent before he meet the Lord, others the Lord meet seem to have had faith before they meet and afterwards repented and was "saved".

So i think it is not wise to systematize salvation to much, and absolutely not say repentance is not needed, if you are making a bread and leave out a ingredient you will not get the right bread, if you leave out the necessity of repentance you will get the easy belivism we are cursed with today. Jesus preached repentance, the Apostles Preached repentance, and so should we.

brother Christian

**Re: We were reconciled to God before repentance - posted by live4jc, on: 2010/8/11 0:35**

Hey Tuc,

Was just thinking about statements such as where John the Baptist said, 'Except you repent you shall all likewise perish' and also the frequent command given to people whenever the message of Christ was preached was: 'Repent and believe the gospel'. So it seemed like 'repenting and believing the gospel' were usually spoken of in the same breath.

Are you thinking of it in terms of the word 'repent' meaning something other than turning from individual sins/sinful lifestyle. So instead 'repent' would be more of an expression for a general turning away from 'reliance/faith on our self and our own works' towards 'reliance/faith in the work of Christ on the cross' ? I have sometimes seen people make a distinction in that way, as to what the word 'repentance' means.

God bless you :)

In Jesus,  
John

**Re: We were reconciled to God before repentance - posted by Lysa (), on: 2010/8/11 6:21**

This statement somehow goes along with Tuc believing that Christian's do not have a sinful nature; correct tuc? so perhaps we'd understand better what he's saying from that perspective.

Additionally, Tuc, what you said reminds me of universal salvation belief (eventually all of mankind will be reconciled to God) {this was one of my many bandwagons in 33 years} and had the Lord not been on my side and brought me out, I'd still be there.

Your statement below reminds me of that belief; example:

Quote:

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I'm sorry if my own previous experience has led me down a wrong road with your statement but I couldn't help but see similarities. Are you somehow involved with believing in universal salvation? (or any other name it's called?)

God bless you,  
Lisa

**Re: True repentance, on: 2010/8/11 7:37**

Narrow is the gate and few are they who will enter. Strong words, I know but right out of the Bible. Read Matthew 7.

There are many Christians by name only who truly believe that they will go to Heaven (I was one of them) But have not been born again through the Grace of God.

Unless you are born again, you cannot enter into the Kingdom of God, read John 3

God Bless you all

**Re: , on: 2010/8/11 7:59**

Look again at the verse.

Romans 5:8-10, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His Life."

This makes it clear that while we were sinners and enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son.

I have read Except Ye Repent but Harry Ironside.

We do need repentance to be born again.

NO I do NOT believe in universal salvation.

Christians do not have a sin nature because Christ dealt with that on the cross.

Gal 2:20

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Rom 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

How many natures did Adam have before sinning? one

How many natures did Adam have after sinning? one

**Re: We were reconciled to God before repentance - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/8/11 8:04**

I checked out the word reconciled in the NT and found this in 2Corinthians 5:17-21 NASB:

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

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

20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

From this scripture we read where God made the first moves to reconcile people to himself. It is up to the individual to complete the process by accepting this reconciliation.

The idea of reconciliation is always two persons who are at war with each other, coming together in an agreement of what was, what should be and working to this end.

**Re: We were reconciled to God before repentance, on: 2010/8/11 9:23**

'For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall all be saved by His Life.'

If you read the verse slowly enough, it is clear that WE shall not BE SAVED (by His life), UNLESS we have (in our own experience) become reconciled, to God; through the death of His Son.

**Re: We were reconciled to God before repentance - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2010/8/11 10:46**

Nothing can be added to the finished work of Jesus Christ. "For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8).

But that does not nullify faith or repentance in the life of the believer. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

When a Christian sins, his fellowship with God is broken. This fellowship is restored through repentance, and the confession

sion of sin. Until we receive our glorified bodies there will always be the need for repentance.

"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 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.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." (1st John 1:5-10).

Mike

#### **An example of rejection, on: 2010/8/11 13:49**

In 1830, Andrew Jackson the president of the United States, issued a pardon for George Wilson who was convicted of killing a government employee while robbing the U.S. Mail. George had been tried and sentenced to be hanged, but Wilson did a strange thing: when he was handed the actual pardon document, Wilson tore it in pieces and threw it on the floor of his cell.

This prompted a question: what to do with Wilson?

Was he pardoned because of what the President did?

Or did his bold act of rejection nullify the pardon?

This was a legal question, and a tough one at that.

The matter went all the way to the Supreme Court.

To read what the court wrote - <http://supreme.justia.com/us/32/150/case.html>

After extended deliberation, the United States Supreme Court put forth the following verdict:

"A pardon is a writing, the value of which is dependent upon the acceptance by the individual for whom it is intended."

George Wilson was to be hanged -- not because there was no pardon, but because the pardon was not accepted.

And so it is with the pardon of God the Father through the sacrifice at the cross of his son Jesus Christ for all mankind.

If the pardon is not accepted, it has no effect and George Wilson must be hanged. And he was.

Now the pardon was real and a done deal once the president signed it. All that George Wilson needed to do was accept it. He did not.

Many have said, "He was crazy!" or "What a fool!" Perhaps they were right.

And so it is with the pardon of God the Father through the sacrifice at the cross of his Son Jesus Christ for all mankind.

We were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, but if a person refuses what God has already done, it has no effect for or him.

**Re: We were reconciled to God before repentance, on: 2010/8/11 23:27**

## REVELATION

### CHAPTER 20:

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

### CHAPTER 21

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.