



Purchase #3 - Reconciliation!

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1. Peace with God is **initiated** by God.

2. We were born **enemies** of God.

3. Christ reconciled us to Himself and presents us as **special** before the Father.

Implications of Reconciliation

1. God is **advocating** for peace through His new creation.
 - a. To live out the implications of God's reconciling work on the cross means that Christians should be peace-**makers**.
 - i. Preach the Gospel to **yourself!**
 - ii. Don't settle by pacifying the effects, go **deeper** to the cause.
 - iii. It will take humility and **grace**.
 - iv. Reconciliation will not all ways be **possible**, but you do what is right.
2. God is making His **appeal** to the world through His new creation.

Go be an advocate and ambassador of genuine peace!

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways can Christians build walls of hostility up against those who do not believe? Why is that antithetical to the Gospel?
2. What are some of the reasons there is hostility among Christians today?
3. How do Christians go about breaking down walls of hostility and becoming advocates of genuine peace?
4. In what ways does the reality of reconciliation affect your closest relationships (marriage, friendships, family, work)?
5. In what ways are you a peace keeper instead of a peace maker? What can you do to become more of a peace maker?
6. What does it look like for you to represent Christ's message of reconciliation to this world?
7. What action are you going to take as a result of what God's Word teaches?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be down front after the service and would love to connect.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

March 2024			
Week 1 Starting Mar 4	Week 2 Starting Mar 11	Week 3 Starting Mar 18	Week 4 Starting Mar 25
Day 1: Psalm 95, 96	Day 1: Psalm 105	Day 1: Psalm 115 - 117	Day 1: Psalm 119:97 - 120
Day 2: Psalm 97, 98	Day 2: Psalm 106	Day 2: Psalm 118	Day 2: Psalm 119: 121 - 144
Day 3: Psalm 99 - 101	Day 3: Psalm 107, 108	Day 3: Psalm 119:1 - 32	Day 3: Psalm 119: 145 - 176
Day 4: Psalm 102, 103	Day 4: Psalm 109, 110	Day 4: Psalm 119:33 - 64	Day 4: Psalm 120 - 123
Day 5: Psalm 104	Day 5: Psalm 111 - 114	Day 5: Psalm 119:65 - 96	Day 5: Psalm 124 - 127
<p>¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.</p> <p>¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. <u>So</u> when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 10:11,12 (NIV)</p>			

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