**Reconciliation**

**Colossians 1:19-23; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

**God the Father sent Jesus the Son to us with a Ministry of Reconciliation**

To reconcile is to restore , to adjust

Jesus adjusts our lives so they run properly

**Reconciliation is Harmony, Agreement**

Restoration to favor

Complete changeover

It is God’s Holiness satisfied

Like the homecoming of the prodigal, father and son are reconciled Col. 1:19-20

**The Author of Reconciliation**

God is always the author, the one doing the reconciling

He doesn’t need to be reconciled

We are the “sheep who have gone astray”

God takes the initiative, man responds

**The Object of Reconciliation**

Man is always the object, the one in need of reconciliation

We have sinned

We have strayed

We have moved away from God

**The Agent of Reconciliation**

Christ is the agent, man has an obligation to God, unable to fulfill, Christ does it for him

Because He loves us, not to make us love Him

**The Result of Reconciliation**

The results are immediate, just as was David’s pardon

The reconciliation of a soul to God, immediate and complete