**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