

Gods Chain Of Salvation **2Corinthians 5:17-21**

From the time of Adam's sin God had plan whereby man could be returned to the state from whence he had fallen.

This plan was to reconcile or to put man in a position where he would be friends with God again - to change the enmity to friendship.

This plan was made necessary by the disobedience of man

The problem was not with God but with man - **Isaiah 59:1-2**

The plan was for man to be reconciled to God not God to man

Author - God (v.18)

All things are of God

God is the source or author of the plan to restore man to a position of friendship to Himself. -

Matthew 25:34; Ephesians 1:4

Although it was man's sin that necessitated this plan of reconciliation it was God who initiated it

Only by his plan can this be accomplished - **Matthew 7:21**

Agent - Christ (v.18)

God designated his son

Reconciling the world in Christ (v.19)

Reconciled by the death of his son - **Romans 5:10**

Ambassadors - Apostles v.18,19 (All Christians)

Given to us the ministry of reconciliation

Committed unto us the word of reconciliation

We are ambassadors for Christ v.20

Apostles to teach others to teach - **Matthew 28:19-20**

Commit to faithful men who shall be able to teach others - **2Timothy 2:2**

Archive - Written Word (v.19)

Word of God - **John 1:1,14**

Only way we can know of reconciliation

Christ the word made flesh

Word - Christ – Truth - **John 1:14**

Apostles guided into all truth - **John 16:13**

Could not have reconciliation without the Word

Word able to save souls - **James 1:21**

Availability - To The World (v.19)

Would do no good if God planned it, made his Son the agent, selected ambassadors who recorded the plan, But failed to place it within reach of all mankind

Made available to all men - **1Timothy 2:3-4**

Substance of reconciliation is found in v.19

Not imputing (counting) their trespasses unto them

God through Christ's death overlooks sin

Sins are covered by Christ's blood

Blood reached through baptism - **Romans 6:3-4**

Reconciliation is in the body - the church which Christ built - **Ephesians 2:16; Matthew 16:18; Colossians 1:18**

Church doesn't reconcile but reconciliation is in church - the body

Obedient faith appropriates benefits of Christ's death - **Romans 6:3-4**

And sets one in the church

Baptism saves **Mark 16:16; 1Peter 3:21**

Adds saved to the church **Acts 2:47**

Baptized into Christ put on Christ Galatians 3:27

Baptized into one body 1Corinthians 12:13

Reconciled in Christ v.19 - So we conclude that anything that puts one in Christ (His body) also brings about his reconciliation to God

Advantages - Made Righteousness Of God (v.21)

Made Him to be sin for us

"FOR" indicates substitution

Christ died as a substitute for us - **1Peter 3:18**

He suffered all that we should have suffered

We might be made the righteousness of God in Him (v.21)

Justified - innocent before God

Made friends with God again

Look forward to living with God forever.

Plan for reconciliation is provided for everyone

2Peter 3:9

We cannot become friends again with God by our own power or arrangement - only by his plan

Have you been reconciled to God thru the blood of Christ?

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