

**“JEW & GENTILE RECONCILED TO GOD”**  
**EPHESIANS 2:16**

**I. AN EXAMINATION OF THE TOPIC OF “RECONCILIATION”**

**A. Meaning: To Change Something By Exchanging One Thing For Another**

**1. In Human Relations The Thing Exchanged Is An Attitude**

**2. In Relation To God The Thing Exchanged Is “*Enmity*”**

**B. Application: Things Must Be Made Right In Order For Any Man To Ever Have Peace With God**

**C. Question: “Who Is It That Must Be Reconciled If Men Are To Ever Have Peace With God?”**

**1. Romans 5:10**

**2. Romans 11:15**

**3. II Corinthians 5:18-20**

**4. Ephesians 2:16**

**5. Colossians 1:20-21**

**D. Solution: God Must First Be Propitiated Before Man Can have Any Notion of Being reconciled To God**

**II. THE ALIENATION (“ENMITY”) IS FUNDAMENTALLY A MENTAL MATTER: IT IS IN THE HUMAN MIND**

**A. Man Left To Himself Will Have Nothing To Do With A God Who Will Hold Him Accountable For His Sin**

**B. God Has Explained What It Would Take To Solve This Problem**

## KEY PASSAGES ON “RECONCILIATION”

- 1. Romans 5:10** “ 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.”
- 2. Romans 11:15** “For if the casting away of them *be* the *reconciling* of the world, what *shall* the receiving of *them be*, but life from the dead?”
- 3. II Corinthians 5:18-20** “And all things *are* of God, who hath *reconciled* us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of *reconciliation*; **19** To wit, that God was in Christ, *reconciling* the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of *reconciliation*. **20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye *reconciled* to God.”
- 4. Ephesians 2:16** “ And that he might *reconcile* both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby”
- 5. Colossians 1:20-21** “And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven. **21** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.”

## KEY PASSAGES ON “PROPITIATION”

- 1. Romans 3:25** “Whom God hath set forth *to be* a *propitiation* through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God”
- 2. Hebrews 2:17** Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation (“*propitiation*”) for the sins of the people.
- 3. I John 2:2** “And he is the *propitiation* for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins* of the whole world.
- 4. I John 4:10** “ Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the *propitiation* for our sins.”