

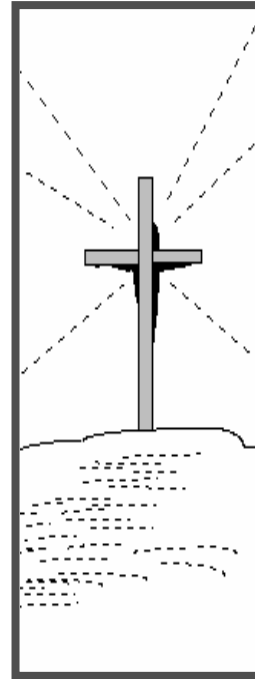
**05. "Reconciliation"**

**Reconciliation means "enemies have made up and are now friends."**

Reconciliation brings a change in the status of the relationship between us and God. When we accept the atoning work of the cross and embrace Jesus in our hearts, God removes His holy wrath. He gives us free entrance into His presence. Only the atoning death of Christ satisfies and reconciles God to us - to pardon and save us.

*(Colossians 1:21-22 NKJV) "And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled {22} in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight;"*

*(2 Corinthians 5:18-20 NKJV) "Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, {19} that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."*

**BUZZ WORDS**

1. Change in Status
2. Friends

**Homework Assignment**

Write a paragraph of 50 to 100 words on what you would tell somebody about what reconciliation means to you personally.

Turn it in on a separate 8 ½ x 11 sheet at the beginning of the next class. If possible, please print this off your computer. Otherwise, a clearly handwritten paper will be accepted. Include your name, date and Theological Term at the top of the page.