

Radical Reconciliation

Philemon 17-19

When Relationships Break

What does faithfulness to Christ require of me now?

Matthew 5:23-24 — *"First be reconciled to your brother."*

Matthew 18:15 — *"If he listens to you, you have gained your brother."*

Romans 12:18 — *"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."*

Reconciliation may not always be _____.

Pursuing it is not _____.

I cannot guarantee reconciliation. But I can refuse to be the _____ reconciliation remains impossible.

Reconciliation Is Grounded in Our _____ — v. 17

¹⁷ *"So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me."*

When Christians are in conflict, we must not allow the conflict to become the only thing that _____ the relationship.

Whatever has happened between us, we still belong to the same _____ and are members of the same _____.

Reconciliation Requires _____ About the Wrong – v. 18a

¹⁸ *"If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything ..."*

Forgiveness does not require us to minimize the _____, eliminate legitimate _____, or immediately restore _____.

Grace enables us to face the wrong honestly while still pursuing _____.

Reconciliation Always Involves a _____ – vv. 18b-19a

"... charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it ..."

Reconciliation is rarely _____.

For the *offender*, reconciliation may require ...

For the *offended* person, it may require ...

For a *peacemaker*, it may require ...

Unless someone bears the cost, reconciliation is _____.

Christian Reconciliation Flows from a _____ reconciliation – v. 19b

"... to say nothing of your owing me even your own self."

Before Philemon thinks only about what he is _____, Paul reminds him of what he has _____.

We pursue reconciliation as people who have ourselves been _____.

Conclusion: Christ – Our Reconciler

Our reconciliation with God came at a cost.

And _____ bore it.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

If Christ has reconciled us to God at such extraordinary cost, what faithful steps are we willing to take toward peace with one another?

As far as it depends on ____, have I done what faithfulness requires?