Daily Devotion #128

Reconciled To God

*Romans 5:10 – “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”*

Strange things happen sometimes. For example, this morning, just before I fully awakened, I kept having a recurring word coming into my mind. It wasn’t a weird or mystical kind of thing but calming and reassuring. It wasn’t leaving me in a state of confusion or fear but security and confidence. Not a confidence in me, but in God. The word was reconciled. It just kept coming up in my mind. Then I began thinking about how we, those who belong to God, have been reconciled to Him.

The word reconcile means to restore friendly relations between two people or to coexist in harmony with someone. It is also an accounting term that means to make consistent with another account - to bring into balance.

As I have processed the meaning of the word this morning, I am more than overwhelmed with the truth that those of us who have put our trust in Christ have been reconciled to God the Father. I know we talk about this subject a lot in Christian circles, and at times people are told so much how God loves them that they don’t hear it anymore. In fact, many times the truth of God’s Word is so commonplace that His people don’t react when they hear it.

Can I encourage each of us to never tire of what God has done for us? Would it be too much to ask for each of us to stop for a moment and think about and take to heart what God has done to set us free from the bondage of sin? It would be so unwise for any person who has been redeemed by the sacrificial death of Christ to grow weary of hearing about the love God has for them. How hurtful that must be to God.

Notice how Paul clarifies for the church in Rome what God has done. While we were enemies of God. Think about that. You and I were in our sinful state before God rescued us. We were enemies of God. We were no different from the world who rejects and cares nothing for Him. We either had no thought about Him or were against anything that was spiritual and righteous. If we were to put this in accounting terms, we would say that you and I were out of balance with God. Our numbers didn’t match. Specifically, our hearts were at odds - leaving us in a state of hopelessness.

But God! Wow! God took upon Himself to put His Son through the most excruciating pain and humiliation for you and me. He became the accountant who reconciled the transaction between us and Himself. Without us having the ability to make the balance sheet come out right, God did. God made a way for the statement to balance. Does that humble you? Does that make you want to thank God? It should. Do this for a moment. Imagine yourself in an eternal flame of the most painful torment possible. Imagine being in a place where you were forever locked away in a prison of fire that never is extinguished but also doesn’t consume. It only creates pain and suffering. And you are there with all those who hate God and only want to see His end. Talk about the world today and all its evils and how people treat one another. Imagine being stuck in a place where you can never leave that situation.

Now think about the mercy of God. Think about how God, without your help or ability, opened your spiritual mind to see the truth of who He is. Think about how He gave to you a sacrifice that you could not give, so that you would be reconciled to Him. The balance sheet between you and Him is equal. Not equal in the sense of who He is, but equal in that the debt you owe Him is satisfied.

I pray we never tire of hearing that blessed truth. Rejoice today beloved. You are free! Live each day as free men and women. Rejoice, knowing that you will forever be in paradise with Him.