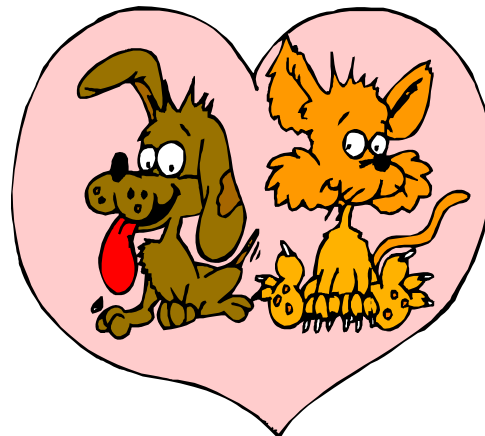




“RECONCILIATION”

Matthew 5:21-26



Kill someone ?

NO WAY! I'm not like Cain, Joseph's brothers, Absalom, David or even the Religious folks of Acts 7.

But it does seem as if there is a DMZ between us! **The wall seems so high & wide that we'll never be friends again** - What does Jesus want me to do?

RECONCILIATION IS

To change a relationship from enmity to friendship; To restore harmony; make congruous; to change one another by an action;

To be like Jesus!

2 Corinthians 5:18,19

I. THE HURT (vs. 21,22)

Anger is a killer of relationships
because it's a producer of **strife and**
contentions! (Proverbs 15:18)

Strife & contentions – Proverbs 3:30;
15:18; 17:14, 19; 20:3; 26:21

In **Church** – 1 Cor. 1:11; 2 Tim 2:14, 24

In **families** – Gen. 21:10; Prov. 18:19

In **Nations** – 2 Chron 15:6; Mark 13:7

II. THE HALT (vs. 24,25)

**If we expect God to be reconciled
(gift) we should practice His way!**

Romans 5:10; I Corinthians 1:21; 7:11

The offense was sin – Isaiah 59:2

Jesus was the solution – 1 Peter 3:18

God was the satisfied – 1 John 2:2

Reconciliation is

The **act of God** whereby He does away with the hostility between the gospel believer and Himself and **establishes peace.**

Romans 5:10

Colossians 1:20,21

III. THE HEALING (25,26)

- We have **Peace with God** – Rom. 5:1
John 15:14
- We have **Peace with brothers** –
Ephesians 2:14-19 1 Thess. 5:13
- We have **Peace with others** –
Rom. 12:18; 14:19 Matt. 5:9
- We have a **Peace Proclamation** –
2 Corinthians 5:18-20

SO

**AM I FAITHFULLY REPRESENTING
MY GOD BY SHOWING AND
SHARING HIS MESSAGE OF
RECONCILIATION ?**

