Topic: Exhortation- Be ye reconciled to God

We, the Children of God, are a new breed of people that Jesus has ordained to finish His work in the earth. He did the work to an extent and He empowered us to complete the work. He took us with Him into the cross, into the grave, through resurrection unto the throne, to be seated at the right hand of God, *Colossians 2:12, Romans 6:4, Ephesians 2:6-7.* Hence, we are not ordinary people. The enemy comes to still kill and destroy, *John 10:10.* This is the warfare we have at this time, *Ephesians 6:12.* Hence the admonition is that He that sleeps should arise, *Ephesians 5:14.* Although the enemy sells thoughts of fear to us, our response should not be to the physical things the devil does, but a response of love and worship to our God. We will be considering our response as people of God, that our full estate, as sons of God, should be recovered.

2 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.

In the book of *Deuteronomy 10:12-13*, God told us what He requires of us. God has a plan and a purpose for us. He told the children of Israel to go possess the promised land because He had given it to them. This tells us that we have a place in the program of God. However, it seems the enemy has made an inroad into the body of Christ, bringing dissensions, denominations and divisions based on doctrines and preferences. This is contrary to God's plan. God wants us reconciled back to Him. We need to reconcile our differences. God expects us to have a pure heart towards all men. *Acts 24:14-16*. The war that is before us cannot be fought and won when we are discriminatory. Everything pertaining to ourselves must die. Jesus said "Who are my mother and brothers? Those who do the will of the Father", *Matthew 12:48*. He was speaking of people who were wholly given to Him. This means the business of our Father becomes our business and our lives mean nothing to us.

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Revelations 14:1-4 speaks of people who follow the lamb wheresoever He goes. These are people

who are beheaded, whose eyes are single, having Christ in the forefront of their desires. The

enemy knows the victory is ours, but he tries to deceive, via the flesh, the systems of the world

and the devil Himself. The key to success in this warfare is the mortification of our flesh,

Colossians 3:5. This world is not ours. In John 18:36, Jesus spoke of another Kingdom and He is

coming back, having obtained the Kingdom and we shall reign with Him. Do not let anything

around you be a distraction; the Kingdom of God should be the focus. God says in Romans 8:28

we know all things work together for our good. However, if we know, why do we worry? If evil

fathers give us bread and not serpent, How much more our good Father, who gives us the Holy

Spirit, Luke 11:13. God knows our situations and anything He allows is for our good. Heaven is at

attention unto us. We need to cut off every foreskin, the flesh.

A trap that the enemy is setting is with our relationships with people. Our testimony among

unbelievers can change the hearts of people. Every single day that we live, by our lifestyle, the

word of God is preached. Our lights are to so shine that people will see our good works and glorify

our Father in heaven, Matthew 5:16. We are a people set aside to accomplish the purpose of God

in the earth and our daily lives must capture that, that when men see us, they will see Christ.

However, this cannot come when flesh is alive and active. Colossians 3:9-10. We thank God that

the war we fight is not our strength, by flesh shall no man prevail, 1 Samuel 2:9. We must be

focused on the Kingdom to come.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by

the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 KJV

The grave of the lord be with your Spirit.