

## Inspired Word # 1: Reconcile

*Definition\*: 1. To reestablish a close relationship between, 2. To settle or resolve, 3. To bring (oneself) to accept, 4. To make compatible, harmonious, or consistent, 5. To compare (one financial account) so that it is consistent or compatible with another*

In the business world, reconcile equates to dollars and cents. Bookkeepers reconcile statements to balance accounts. However, to be reconciled reaches much farther into our lives than our checkbook balance. Our eternal lives depend on God's reconciliation.

*And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 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.*  
2 Corinthians 5:18-19

*For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.*  
Hebrews 2:16-18

These two sets of scripture tell us how, through Jesus, we are reconciled to God and we are equipped to a "ministry of reconciliation. Jesus came to this earth in human form to suffer as humans suffer so he could know our temptation. Then, without holding our sins (trespasses) against us, He died on the cross for our reconciliation with the Father. He "balanced our accounts" in a way only the master "bookkeeper" could, by writing our names in the Lamb's book of life.

At times our relationships in life become fractured beyond repair or reconciliation. The pain is unsurmountable. The rejection, beyond our human capacity. Paul recognized that we have our limits. In his letter to the Romans he says...

*Be of the same mind one toward another. .... If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.*  
Romans 12:16a & 18

Jesus, however, has reconciled us to our Father, God. No matter our offenses, our faults or flaws, our accounting ledgers have been washed clean with the blood of the Lamb.

The next time your checkbook doesn't balance, remember your "account" with the Lamb will never be overdrawn!

In His Service,



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