

“PURSUE: THE MAGNANIMITY OF THE RECONCILIATION”

Romans 5:10-12

INTRODUCTION

1. On April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to General Ulysses S. Grant, commander of the entire Union forces, at Appomattox Court House. General Grant was a magnanimous victor during the American Civil War. He wrote out generous terms of surrender that would prevent treason trials. For example, at Appomattox Court House, Grant allowed Robert E. Lee and his men to retain their weapons, horses

(**Magnanimity:** generosity, charitableness, benevolence, self-sacrifice)

2. Let me refresh our memory concerning

Reconciliation: *The restoration of a previously broken relationship based on repentance and forgiveness.*

Reconciliation involves removing the hostility between parties and restoring peace and harmony in a relationship. It means that the wall separating the hostility has been broken down; the breach has been healed. Jesus accomplished our reconciliation with God when He died on the cross for our sins. This should encourage believers to be reconciled with one another (Matt 5:24; Luke 12:58; Rom 5:10; 2 Cor 5:18-19; Eph 2:11-22; 2:14-16).¹

1. Tony Evans, [*The Tony Evans Study Bible*](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible, 2019), 1542.

3. Paul declared to the church at Rome the magnanimity of Jesus's work of reconciliation that removed God's wrath from those who believe in Christ Jesus as their Savior, in which they were once considered enemies of God but now enjoy the peace of God through the redeeming work of Jesus at Calvary.
4. *The magnanimity of the reconciliation work of Christ is powerful.*
5. How is Christ's magnanimity revealed as a powerful work within reconciliation?

(Romans Chapter 5 provides five significant insights into the magnanimous work of Christ regarding our reconciliation)

BODY

FIRST

- I. Because of His magnanimous work of reconciliation, He made possible our PEACE with God (Romans 5:1)
 - A. We now enjoy having perpetual peace with God. Paul also declares in Philippians 4:7 that we enjoy the “Peace of God” too!
 - B. **Illustration:** WWII (September 1, 1939 – September 2, 1945). The Allies vs. the Axis Powers resulted in 70 to 85 million deaths.
 - C. A campaign flyer from the 1868 national election by Ulysses S. Grant (18th President of the U.S.A.) read, “Let Us Have Peace.”
 - D. Seek “Peace with God” if you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

SECOND

- II. Because of His magnanimous work of reconciliation, He would demonstrate God’s LOVE for fallen humanity (Romans 5:8)
 - A. God’s love for humanity is demonstrated in giving His only begotten Son to atone for the

world's sins as a perfect sacrifice. Thus, making possible the reconciliation of sinners to Himself (2 Corinthians 5:18, 19)

B. **Illustration:** Easter Celebration

C. The Apostle John's declaration: John 3:16
(quote)

D. Accept God's love for you!

THIRD

III. Because of His magnanimous work of reconciliation, He has JUSTIFIED us by His blood and saved us from God's wrath (Romans 5:9)

A. What is the "Wrath of God?" According to Paul, the wrath of God is a response to ungodliness and unrighteousness. It expresses God's justice and holiness, emphasizing the necessity for redemption through Christ.

B. **Illustration:** The Genesis Flood (Genesis 7-8)

C. God has condemned and will judge all sin.

D. I implore you to "please" turn to the true and living God.

FOURTH

- IV. Because of His magnanimous work of reconciliation, He would remove the HOSTILITY between God and fallen humanity (Romans 5:10a)

[QUOTE}Going back to what we were and what we now are, think of it this way. **It was when we were enemies that we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son.** We were hostile toward the Lord and quite content to have it so. Left to ourselves, we felt no need of being reconciled to Him. Think of it—**enemies** of God!

God did not share our attitude in the matter. He intervened in a display of pure grace. The substitutionary death of Christ removed the cause of our hostility toward God — namely, our sins. By faith in Christ we have been **reconciled to God.**

If God purchased our reconciliation so dearly, will He ever let us go? If **we were reconciled through the death of His Son**, which is a symbol of utter weakness, shall we not be preserved to the end by the present life of Christ at the right hand of God, a life of infinite power? If His **death** had such power to save us, how much more will **His life** have power to keep us! [Close QUOTE; William McDonald, *The Believers Bible Commentary*]

FINALLY

- V. Because of His magnanimous work of reconciliation, He serves as our SECURITY for eternal life (Romans 5:10d)
 - A. Genuine believers are kept by Christ.
 - B. **Illustration:** Kept in the hand of the Triune Godhead
 - C. Jesus's argument in John's Gospel: John 10:22-33 (Read)

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D. Trust the hands of the Godhead—the Allstate commercial, “You’re in good hands with Allstate!”

CONCLUSION

God has reconciled sinners to Himself. I hope you can begin to appreciate the wonder of this reality. All Christians are forgiven an unpayable debt., not because we deserve it, not as a reward for doing penance by which we somehow pay for our own sins, but solely on the basis of what God Himself has done for us.

—John MacArthur

The Freedom and Power of Forgiveness (1998)