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DAILY DEVOTION

THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION

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2 CORINTHIANS 5:19 NIV 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

The Good News is about reconciliation between God and man. Jesus Christ accomplished it.

Mankind was estranged from God. We had gone our own way, were lost, and couldn't find our way back to fellowship with God. Fortunately, God loved us and did something to help us.

Two extremely important ideas are presented in the above verse.

First, God is not holding people's sins against them! As far as God is concerned, Christ's sacrifice paid the penalty for all sin -- and God considers the world reconciled back to Him.

Second, this wonderful good news of what God has done has been committed to us. Human beings must tell it. If we don't -- it won't be told.

People can live and die and never know the glorious truth that God is not holding any sins against them -- if no one tells them. They need to know they are forgiven, loved by God, and welcome to come back into fellowship with Him through Christ.

Think about this: God is interested in reconciliation. Not in shutting you, or others, out. He is inviting humanity in, saying all is forgiven.

PRAYER: Thank You Father God for reconciling me and not holding my sins against me.