

**Why is reconciliation necessary?**

**Your relationship with God is broken. (21)**

Nobody is connected to God at the moment of conception; we are conceived in sin.

God has righteous demands you cannot meet.

No ticket? You don't get in. We are born ticketless for heaven.

**How can you be reconciled?**

**Only through the death of Jesus Christ can you be reconciled to God. (22a)**

Jesus Christ is fully God, fully man; the God-man.

If Jesus didn't die on the cross, there is no reconciliation to God.

You've blown it. You've made a big mess. Jesus Christ has done the work to reconcile you to God.

**What is the purpose of reconciliation?**

**To present you holy and blameless before God. (22b)**

Beyond reproach: No charge could stick; there are no secrets.

To present you before Him in such a way? That's a real miracle!

Now to Him who is able to ... make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy (Jude 24).

**How do you know you have been reconciled?**

**You are faithful and steadfast in the hope of the gospel. (23)**

Established – rooted, not moved, not letting go of Jesus.

In John 6:66 many of Jesus' disciples (other than the twelve) withdrew.

You will be miserable as a believer if you're not obedient/faithing.

***Questions for Discussion:***

Do you know people who claim to have always loved God? How can you answer them?

What are some distortions of Jesus Christ's person and work? How can you answer them?

When did you realize you were dead in your sin? When were you reconciled to God? If not, make tonight the night!

On a scale of 1-5 (with 5 being the best), how well established and steadfast are you in the faith?

What can and should you do to increase your score?

Who are the two people you will share this message with this week?