



**GRACE GOSPEL MINISTRY**

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## RECONCILIATION

The Greek word *kaht·ahl·lahy·ee* rendered “reconciliation”, means to “restore to favor”. This is necessary because God is righteous and holy, thus it is impossible for Him to fellowship with sinful mankind. It was God alone who initiated the act of reconciliation in eternity (Romans 3:11). This entailed removing the enmity of the curse by the provisions of the Lord Jesus Christ through His death (which was for the complete payment of our sins). This alone is the basis for our reconciliation to God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received this blessing (Romans 5:10-11). Sin is the basis for the enmity between God and man in that God is holy, just and righteous. Redeemed man was incapable of rectifying his sinful nature, thus he was in need of a savior, and God by His grace has provided the faithful workings of Jesus Christ. His death (which was for the complete payment of our sins) is the basis for the restoration of the elect to God (Rom 5:10).

It is God who initiates the reconciliation as the scripture testifies that no man understands nor seeks after God (Romans 3:11). The gospel of reconciliation distinctly identifies God as the sole initiator and instigator of the restoration process.

