

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for August 22, 2010

“Living Reconciled”
2 Corinthians 6:1-3

What does it mean for those who have been reconciled to live as if they have been reconciled?

First of all, for those who have been reconciled to live as if they have been reconciled means they will strive not to offend (2 Corinthians 6:1-3)

Paul and his associates, as they sought to reach this world for Christ, saw themselves as working together with God based on 2 Corinthians 5:18-21, and Paul carried this thought forward into 2 Corinthians 6.

When Paul urged the Corinthians not to receive the grace of God in vain, he did so because those who professed to have been reconciled were by their lifestyles contradicting their profession.

When Paul wrote, “At the acceptable time I listened to you, and on the day of salvation I helped you” he was quoting Psalms 49:8.

The words of this quotation served to express the optimism of Paul, that because God was working together with him in the ministry of reconciliation, there would be a good result in respect to the Corinthians.

Paul emphasized the phrases “acceptable time” and “day of salvation” to point out that the time is now.

The word “offense” (PROSKOPE) literally means “cause of stumbling.”

May God give us the grace, as those who have been reconciled to God and who are working together with God, not to give offense in anything, so that the gospel of Christ will not be discredited.