


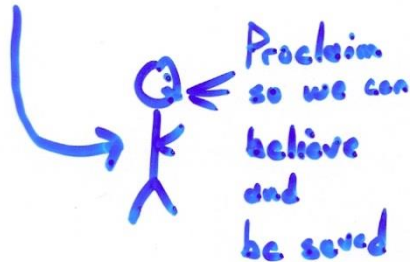
2 Cor 5:12-6:2

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## OJ Proponents

 is reconciled  
Justified/forgiven

Objective  
Justification




Subjectively Justified

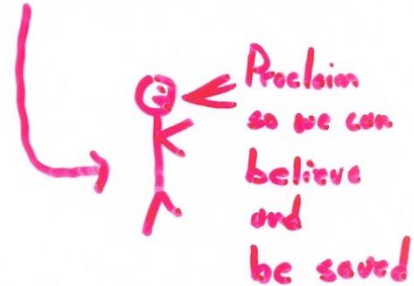
### Reconciling the world

= Jesus forgave  
justified  
absolved  
reconciled } the world

## Scripture

 is redeemed

Atonement



Justification  
Forgiven  
Reconciled

### Reconciling the world

= Preaching the atonement  
so that faith is created  
and believers are  
forgiven  
justified  
absolved  
reconciled



## 5. 2 Corinthians 5:12-6:2 and particularly 2 Cor 5:19

18Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

### OJ Proponents:

We therefore then do not first become reconciled with God when we believe. But we have already been redeemed and reconciled with God through the death of Christ, and this is to be and must be proclaimed to us in the Gospel so that we can believe and be saved (Mk. 16:15; 2 Co. 5: 19.20). Thus neither shall the forgiveness of sins and righteousness first be procured for us and given us on the condition that we believe, but they are, God be praised, already procured! Through the death and resurrection of Christ the whole world is already justified before God in Christ and its sin which was laid on Jesus, the Lamb of God, is forgiven it by God in him. (Justification of the World, H.A. Preus 2/13/1874)

“Scripture teaches the *objective reconciliation*. Nineteen hundred years ago Christ effected the reconciliation of all men with God. God does not wait for men to reconcile Him with themselves by means of any efforts of their own. He is already reconciled. The reconciliation is an accomplished fact, just like the creation of the world. Rom. 5: 10: "We were reconciled to God by the death of His Son." When Christ died, God became reconciled. As Christ's death lies in the past, so also our reconciliation is an accomplished fact. 2 Cor. 5:19: "God was in Christ, reconciling" (namely, when Christ lived and died on earth) "the world unto Himself." The *καταλλάσσειν* of Rom. 5: 10 and 2 Cor. 5: 19 does not refer - let this fact be noted - to any change that occurs in men, but describes an occurrence in the heart of God. It was God who laid His anger by on account of the ransom brought by Christ. It was God who at that time already had in His heart forgiven the sins of the whole world, for the statement: "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself" means - and that is not our, but the Apostle's own interpretation - that God did "not impute their trespasses unto them." And "not imputing trespasses" is, according to Scripture (Rom. 4:6-8), synonymous with "forgiving sins," "justifying" the sinner. The resurrection of Christ is, as Holy Writ teaches, the actual absolution of the whole world of sinners. Rom. 4:25: "Who was raised again for our justification." At that time we were objectively declared free from sin" (Christian Dogmatics, Pieper, Vol. II, p.347-348).

### Scriptural Interpretation:

St. Paul is speaking to the Christians at Corinth. Verse 18 is a statement of fact, through faith in Christ, God has reconciled "us" (believers) to Himself. The reconciliation was not God changing His mind (and objectively justifying everyone in His heart). The atonement is the completed act of Jesus. The reconciliation occurs when we receive that atonement gift through faith in Jesus so that we are changed/converted (from enemies to children of God). With faith in Christ, we are reconciled and God does not impute our sins to us. God has given his church the Pastoral Office, the Ministry of reconciliation so that whenever and wherever preaching results in faith men are reconciled. Through the Pastoral Office preaching the means of grace, God is presently reconciling the world to himself. "Reconciling" and "not Imputing" are present participles which denote purpose.



# Search Results

## reconcil\*

1 Samuel 29:4 But the princes of the Philistines were angry with him; so the princes of the Philistines said to him, "Make this fellow return, that he may go back to the place which you have appointed for him, and do not let him go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become our adversary. For with what could he **reconcile** himself to his master, if not with the heads of these men?"

Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make **reconciliation** for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

Matthew 5:24 "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be **reconciled** to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Acts 7:26 "And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and tried to **reconcile** them, saying, 'Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?'

Romans 5:10 For if when we were enemies we were **reconciled** to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Romans 5:11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the **reconciliation**.

*Jews/Gentiles* Romans 11:15 For if their being cast away is the **reconciling** of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

*marriage* 1 Corinthians 7:11 But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be **reconciled** to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife.

2 Corinthians 5:18 Now all things are of God, who has **reconciled** us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

2 Corinthians 5:19 that is, that God was in Christ **reconciling** the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be **reconciled** to God.

*Jews/Gentiles* Ephesians 2:16 and that He might **reconcile** them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

Colossians 1:20 and by Him to **reconcile** all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Colossians 1:21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has **reconciled**



|               | Romans 5:6-11  | 2 Corinthians 5:18-20  | Ephesians 2:11-16   | Colossians 1:19-23   |
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| Atonement     | <p><sup>6</sup>For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.</p> <p><sup>7</sup>For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that <b>while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.</b></p>   |  | <p><sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—<sup>12</sup>that at that time <b>you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.</b> <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.</p>   | <p><sup>19</sup>For it pleased the <i>Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,</i> <sup>20</sup>and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself(δι' αὐτοῦ ἀποκαταλλάξαι τὰ πάντα εἰς αὐτόν), by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, <b>having made peace through the blood of His cross.</b> <sup>21</sup><b>And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works,</b></p> |
| Justification | <p><sup>9</sup>Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. <sup>10</sup>For if when we were enemies <b>we were reconciled</b> to God (κατηλλάγημεν τῷ θεῷ) through the death of His Son, much more, <b>having been reconciled</b> (καταλλαγέντες), we shall be saved by His life.</p> <p><sup>11</sup>And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom <b>we have now received the reconciliation</b> (τὴν καταλλαγὴν).</p> | <p><sup>18</sup>Now all things <i>are</i> of God, <b>who has reconciled us</b> to Himself(τοῦ καταλλάξαντος ἡμᾶς ἑαυτῷ) through Jesus Christ, and has given us <b>the ministry of reconciliation,</b> (τὴν διακονίαν τῆς καταλλαγῆς) <sup>19</sup>that is, that God was in Christ <b>reconciling the world to Himself</b>(καταλλάσσων ἑαυτῷ), <b>not imputing their trespasses to them,</b> and has committed to us <b>the word of reconciliation</b>(τὸν λόγον τῆς καταλλαγῆς). <sup>20</sup>Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore <i>you</i> on Christ's behalf, <b>be reconciled to God</b>(καταλλάγητε τῷ θεῷ.).</p> | <p><sup>14</sup>For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, <sup>15</sup>having abolished in His <b>flesh the enmity, that is,</b> the law of commandments <i>contained</i> in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man <i>from</i> the two, <i>thus</i> making peace, <sup>16</sup>and <b>that He might reconcile</b> them both to God(ἀποκαταλλάξῃ τοὺς ἀμφοτέρους ἐν ἐνὶ σώματι τῷ θεῷ) <b>in one body</b> through the cross, thereby putting to death <b>the enmity.</b></p> | <p><b>yet now He has reconciled</b> (ἀποκατήλλαξεν) <sup>22</sup>in the body of His flesh through death, <b>to present you holy, and blameless,</b> and above reproach in His sight— <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast....</p>  |