



Friend of God

Romans 5 ESV

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reconcile means, to restore friendly relations between. To return to favor

Reconciliation means,
Adjustment of a difference, restoration to favor.



Colossians 1 ESV

19 For in him(Jesus) all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him(Jesus) to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

1 WHY WERE WE ENEMIES OF GOD?

Knowledge of Good & Evil

We have a propensity toward evil and sin.

John 3 ESV

16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the



world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

Enmity = hostility

Genesis 3:15 “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Seth = Substitute

Romans 8 ESV

7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit



to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Oppose = Opposite

2 Jesus reconciled us back to God.

Hebrews 10 esv

16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”

17 then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Ephesians 2 ESV

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.



4 But God, being rich in mercy,
because of the great love with which
he loved us, 5 even when we were
dead in our trespasses, made us alive
together with Christ—by grace you
have been saved— 6 and raised us up
with him and seated us with him in the
heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so
that in the coming ages he might
show the immeasurable riches of his
grace in kindness toward us in Christ
Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been
saved through faith.

Colossians 1:18 ESV

He is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead, that in
everything he might be preeminent.

19 For in him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell, 20 and through
him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, making
peace by the blood of his cross.

The debt of man paid.

Jesus gave us peace with God!



3 We can be a Friend of God!

God punished Himself for our sins.

4 How do we become a friend of God?

Rom 4:3 NIV

Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.

Righteous = the condition acceptable to God.

From enemy to friend of God.

Hebrews 10 esv

26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will



consume the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. 29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?