



**Notes:** 1. Introduction

a. What is reconciliation?

- in banking/finances, process of your check book balance agreeing with bank balance
- x subtract out outstanding check (uncashed checks)
- x add in unrecorded deposits (deposit not showing in bank)

b. In God's accounts

- before people enemies of God <sup>for us</sup>
- x Rom 5:10 when we enemies, Christ died
- Christian made acceptable to God - becoming friends with God
- x How? by Jesus Christ
- x All Jesus Christ's work on cross
- \* Eph 2:9 Not of human works lest any man should boast
- Ministry of reconciliation
- x work for Christian
- x bringing people to God
- x Eph 2:10 We are God's workmanship
- \* Christian created in Christ
- Jesus for good works
- \* God's purpose - Christian to walk in good works

2. Friends love each other
  - a. Platonic love - just friends
    - not spouse, not lover of sex
  - b. Example David
    - 1 Sam 18:1-3 Jonathon's soul bonded with David
    - Prov 17:17 friend loves at all times
3. Friends share together because they love each other
  - a. Jesus called His disciples friends
    - Jn ~~15~~ 15:15 called friends because I have made known all things to you
    - I heard these things from my Father
  - b. Jn 16:16 to disciples advantage that Jesus return to His Father
    - Jesus will send the Helper (the Comforter / the Paraclete)
  - c. Real friends bring friends to Jesus
4. Friends bear (carry) each other's burdens
  - a. Prov 18:24 - man must show himself friendly
    - friend sticks closer than a brother
  - b. No greater love than a ~~man~~ person lay down their life for a friend
    - Jesus laid down His life
    - Disciples fell asleep in Garden of Gethsemane
    - Disciples ran away when Jesus arrested
    - Peter denied knowing Jesus 3 times
    - But Jesus said "I will never leave you nor forsake you"
    - x Heb 13:5-6
5. Friends help each other
  - a. ~~Gal~~ Gal 6:2 Fulfill law of Christ
  - b. Rom 15:1 Strong carry burdens of weak
  - c. Col. 3:13 Forbear (accept) each other & forgive
6. Sometimes real help hurts
  - a. Prov. 27:6 Faithful are wounds of friend
  - b. 1 Thess 5:14 Warn, comfort, be patient
7. Are you a friend of God?
  - a. James 2:23 Abraham called friend of God?
  - b. What choices you make as Christian? James 4:4