

Philemon 1-7

1 Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker 2 and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, 6 and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. 7 For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

Main idea:

Reconciliation is God's will.

1. How we can prepare ourselves for reconciliation.
2. How we can be prepared to call others to reconciliation.

When we pursue reconciliation we must be:

1. A friend
 - a. Peaceful
 - b. Graceful
 - c. Loving
2. Rooted in Jesus Christ
 - a. Steeped in prayer
 - b. Correct theology
3. Serious about it
 - a. Invested
 - b. Affirmed by godly people

Reconciliation is an extension of godly character

Knows Philemon has godly character because of the following evidence:

- Lives obediently
- Loves God and the church
- Hospitable, Loving, Generous

Benediction

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come. Everything is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: