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The Gifts of Christ: We are reconciled to God.

Rom. 5:10-11 *For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (NIV)*

Reconciliation: restoration, reuniting, making something or someone in right relationship. My mother used to be a bookkeeper for a car dealership. I heard her talk about the difficulty she had reconciling the books when salesmen would offer a customer a different price than that which was agreed upon by the owner. I'm not so proficient at reconciling the checkbook. I could have something to do with the fact that I don't always get things put in it correctly or in a timely manner. Thank the LORD for my wife, who is meticulous. That's part of our differences in personality and the abilities that the LORD has given us individually.

In the same way, our passage today reminds us all, that we had a debt that we couldn't possibly pay. No matter how long we worked or how hard we tried, we could never make this right with God. Our debt was too great. It was impossible to reconcile because we are guilty. But then the owner of all the universe stepped in. He chose to pay off our debt with His precious and sinless blood. He paid a debt that He did not owe. Why? Because He loves us so very much that He doesn't want us to be separated from Him forever. There is no greater love than this. He reconciled us to Himself while we were yet sinners. What an amazing love that is.

Dear LORD, You did everything for us to reconcile us to Yourself. Thank You that I am made right even though I am a sinner. Your blood has atoned for my sin and made me reconciled with You. Hallelujah! In Jesus Name, Amen