

Ministering Reconciliation!

To be reconciled someone has to give to another. Reconciliation will not happen if someone does not give. The one who will not give says, "He has to pay!" Regardless of the wrong we commit, we cannot pay. Once the wrongful words are spoken or they committed the wrongful act, it cannot be undone. Society's payment for a wrongful act is being sentenced to prison. Even in prison, the person cannot pay. The wrong done is still done. They cannot take it back. We readily see the wrongs someone committed against us, but neglect to see the wrongs we have committed.

Beloved, we are ministers of reconciliation! (2 Corinthians 5:18, NKJV). Ministering gives relief to another. Reconciliation is atonement, meaning to take another's suffering. Therefore, we are to give relief to one who has committed a wrong against us. When we speak and demonstrate forgiveness to one another, we relieve the person. In that relief, they can rest from the guilt of their wrong. Forgiving one another gives atonement. In atonement, we take from the person their suffering for having done something wrong to us. No one can pay for the wrongs they commit! But Jesus gave us relief and atonement for all wrongs we commit against him and one another. We are to see other people through the eyes of Jesus, not in the wrongs they commit (2 Corinthians 5:16).

Shalom!!

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