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Eggs can be delicious on their own, but they are also used as an important binding ingredient in recipes. Eggs act as an emulsifier, bringing together two "difficult to mix" ingredients. For example, eggs are combined with oil and water to create mayonnaise.

Sometimes people can be "difficult to mix." No matter how spiritually mature we might be, we find ourselves in conflict with friends, family members, and even fellow believers. When conflicts go unresolved, they create a hostile environment. In Colossians 1, Paul describes the hostility that previously existed between us and God. He says in verse 21, "Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior." Paul explains that at one time we were spiritually estranged from God and lived opposed to Him in thought and deed. The question is how did God reconcile us to Himself?

In verse 22, Paul explains, "But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation." Christ, as our reconciler, was able to bring people, once hostile toward one another, together as one. God initiated this reconciliation, and it happened at a cost. Jesus paid the price of death. Because of His death and resurrection, we can be free of accusation, and reconciliation with God was made possible (Rom. 3:21–26). True reconciliation cannot happen unless there is a removal of the charge.

As followers of Jesus and beneficiaries of His sacrificial act of reconciliation and love, we must extend this love and forgiveness to others. According to 2 Corinthians 5:20, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."

Go Deeper

What price are we willing to pay to reconcile with our brother or sister in Christ? How can we proclaim His message of reconciliation to the world by the way we live?

Pray with Us

Almighty God, we confess that we haven't always extended love and forgiveness to others. Give us humility, patience, and faith for the ministry of reconciliation. May we never forget the price Your Son paid to reconcile us with You!

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