

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for August 29, 2010

“Living Reconciled”
2 Corinthians 6:4-5

What does it mean for those who have been reconciled to live as if they have been reconciled?

First of all, for those who have been reconciled to live as if they have been reconciled means they will strive not to offend (2 Corinthians 6:1-3)

Secondly, for those who have been reconciled to live as if they have been reconciled means that they will strive to commend themselves as servants of God (2 Corinthians 6:4-10).

Paul’s “much endurance” is a descriptive heading and was the singular quality that Paul listed as commending him and his associates as servants of God.

The “much endurance” according to Paul entailed a variety of different things that he divided into three different groupings in 2 Corinthians 6:4-10.

Paul’s initial grouping consisted of nine different troubles that were associated with his “much endurance” (2 Corinthians 6:4-5).

This list of nine troubles that Paul associated with what he had to endure can also be divided into three groupings.

The first grouping of troubles associated with Paul’s endurance were related to troubles in general (2 Corinthians 6:4).

The second grouping of troubles associated with Paul’s endurance were related to troubles at the hands of others (2 Corinthians 6:5).

The third group of troubles associated with Paul’s endurance was related to self-inflicted troubles (2 Corinthians 6:4-5).

May God give us the grace to endure the troubles to come as ministers of reconciliation, so that we might commend ourselves as true and faithful servants of Christ.