

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-19

{Special Service -- Sunday, July 29, 2018 A.D.}

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¹⁸ Now **all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,** ¹⁹ namely, that **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself,** not counting their trespasses against them, and **He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.**

THE FRUIT OF GOD'S RECONCILING US TO HIMSELF

THE GOSPEL, CONVERSION, DEDICATION, DISCIPLESHIP, BAPTISM, MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, **they worshiped Him;** but some were doubtful. ¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, **"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.** ¹⁹ **"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,** ²⁰ **teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;** and lo, **I am with you always, even to the end of the age."**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

¹ **"Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them** in the land where you are going over to possess it, ² **so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.** ³ "O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do *it*, that it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, *in* a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁴ **"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!** ⁵ **"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.** ⁶ "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. ⁷ **"You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.** ⁸ **"You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.** ⁹ **"You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

Psalms 78:2-8

² **I will open my mouth** in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, ³ Which we have heard and known, And **our fathers have told us.** ⁴ **We will not conceal them from their children,** But tell to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done. ⁵ For **He established a testimony in Jacob** And **appointed a law in Israel,** Which **He commanded our fathers That they should teach them to their children,** ⁶ **That the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, That they may arise and tell them to their children,** ⁷ That they should put their confidence in God And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments, ⁸ And not be like their fathers, **A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not prepare its heart And whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

✓ **BELIEVERS BAPTISM:**

- 1) Confess one's belief in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior, through personal faith, before the community of faith. This faith rightly discerns the Cross of Christ and God's work of salvation.
 - 2) Confess one's strong desire to be obedient to Christ as Lord and taking up the will of one's heavenly Father over and above the will of self. Expression of considered commitment.
 - 3) Desire to obey Christ's command and be baptized now. Dedication of one's life to the glory of God. Commitment to be diligent about growing in Christian character and to become like Christ, according to Holy Scripture.
 - 4) Intimate identification with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - 5) Intimate identification with the Body of Christ.
 - 6) Acknowledgment of the One True God in the Persons of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Trinity).
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