

## **INTERCESSION: RECONCILIATION IN THE BODY**

**LAW:** “*The soul who sins shall die*” (Ezekiel 18:20).

**This is God’s righteous law - perfectly just.**

**SIN:** “*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*” (Romans 3:23).

We **sinned** (past tense), and unfortunately, every time we are measured by God’s standard, we **fall short** (present tense). Sinning was like crossing a threshold/portal into a “fall short” world waiting for death.

**RECONCILIATION IN THE BODY:** But God, in displaying His manifold wisdom, had a rescue plan. This plan was not a short cut! It involved fulfilling a “dying” of the sinning entity as the punishment for sinning and a resurrection as a new entity in its place.

### **Colossians 1 :22**

yet now He has reconciled **in the body** of **His flesh** **through death**, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight

### **Ephesians 2:16**

and that He might reconcile them both to God **in one body** **through the cross**, thereby putting to death the enmity

### **Hebrews 10:20**

by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, **His flesh**,

On the cross, we were united and woven into the very body of Christ. In His great love, He drew us into Himself so that we would become one with Him. As He embraced us, He also took upon Himself our sins and the punishment demanded by the law.

On that cross, Jesus fully satisfied the righteous requirements of God’s law. He died as the One counted guilty in our place. Yet in that moment of seeming defeat, the manifold wisdom and overflowing grace of God were revealed.

When Christ rose again, we rose with Him. Our old identities were left in the grave, and now it is no longer we who live, but Christ living in us. In Him, we have been delivered, made holy, blameless, and without reproach before the Father.

And Christ continues His ministry of reconciliation even now. Wherever He moves, we move with Him; wherever He works, we are joined to His work—reconciling people to God alongside Him, and through Him, and for His glory.

What is Christ doing in your world? You are carefully and fearfully crafted, not a mass-produced prototype. God has a very specific mission for you and collectively, we are a magnificent masterpiece that God has put in display even in the spiritual world.