

In Christ, God calls all to reconciliation

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What's the gospel in seven words? We asked theologians, pastors and others both to answer this question and to expand on this in a few sentences. To see all the responses together as they're posted, bookmark [this page](#). Add your own version [here](#). --Ed.

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God was in Christ, proclaiming and demonstrating the good news of the kingdom (or commonwealth). This new way of life challenges us to rethink everything in our lives that resists reconciliation. In it we experience peace with God. The Spirit of God teaches us the way of peace and bears through us the fruit of peace: with the least, the last and the lost; with the outsider, the stranger and the enemy; with all creation. God invites us to participate in a new reconciled humanity in Christ.