



Shofar Christian Church

# Reconciliation

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- restore broken relationship

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.



# Areas of Reconciliation

- Spiritual: Rom 6:23, Col 1:19-22
- Socio-Economic:
- Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.





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- Generational:
- Malachi 4:6 And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.





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- Racial:
- Acts 17:26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings.



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- Gender:
- Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

# Feedback

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<b>Jewish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong believe in God the father</li> <li>• Cover each other's back. There for each other</li> <li>• Biblical traditions</li> </ul>	<b>Jewish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not accept Jesus</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family, including extended family, very important</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditionally the husband might be inclined to play domineering role</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everything that you can trace back to the Word, like washing hands before a meal etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pride in culture and tradition manifests in many forms.</li> <li>• Might think our culture is better because we are taught this.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believers having children outside of marriage, multiple partners, and because of tradition is considered OK.</li> </ul>



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<b>English</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• growing up children are included in family plans</li><li>• Children are heard &amp; encouraged to share ideas, taught to be open minded towards others.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• not good, children raised with fairy tales</li><li>• Believing that Harry Potter etc. is just superstitious fairy tales</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Father figure too dominant</li><li>• Children's opinions not considered</li></ul>
<b>Afrikaans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discipline children</li><li>• Friendly</li><li>• Hospitable</li><li>• Patriotic</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Too much pride</li><li>• Unwillingness to accept change</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Getting married in a Christian church and having a sangoma dance for you at the reception or praying to ancestors.</li></ul>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Respect especially your elders</b></li><li>• <b>Working hard or going the extra mile</b></li><li>• <b>Unity (helping each other no matter how distant you are)</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The fact that a surname or tribe is associated with an animal (totems) and over time one tends to indirectly get connected to that kind of animal.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• it's the fact that a distant relatives are treated differently to an extent that it's not wrong or one is not obliged to attend say their funerals</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>organised, inventive and progressive</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Its materialism has become its secular isolation.</li><li>• judgemental</li><li>• Insular and row-your-own-boat thinking has meant that we find it hard to share and judge those not like 'us'</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• </li></ul>



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<b>German</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Good work ethic,</b></li> <li>• <b>Education,</b></li> <li>• <b>Entrepreneurial,</b></li> <li>• <b>Family values,</b></li> <li>• <b>Confidence</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A large part of the German culture thinks they can do without God</li> <li>• Partly racism</li> <li>• Sometimes think they are better than other cultures/pride.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Family first</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Things are done how they are done</li> <li>• Traditions are hardly changed and if, then with difficulty and some family strife</li> <li>• Need endurance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some things are not spoken about openly and either just ignored or frowned upon but not discussed and dealt with.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Witch doctor beliefs etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't call me tannie.</li> </ul>



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<p>German</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discipline of doing things well</li> <li>• Precise</li> <li>• On time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thinking always right</li> <li>• Know it better than others</li> <li>• It also keeps many away from the Lord, think know all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• laid back culture</li> <li>• Not being on time</li> <li>• Not being organised</li> <li>• Not keeping to what was agreed</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Humbleness and honesty</li> <li>• In general people are honest and even strangers can be trusted</li> <li>• Promises are kept</li> <li>• There's no small talk, when we say things, we mean it.</li> <li>• It is not easy to make friends, but when you make a friend, you may expect it to be for real and for the rest of your life.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There's no small talk.</li> <li>• People seem too shy, uncomfortable and even rude to those who come from small talk cultures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is often not easy to understand differences, and one has to make effort to try and see what is behind them.</li> <li>• For me the most difficult has been the racism or classism that I have seen very visible and sometimes totally uncovered</li> <li>• I feel that as long as there is a division between "us" and "them" we sadly can't be one nation.</li> </ul>



# Conclusion

- Rom 12:18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.
- 1 Corinthians 9:19 Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. 20 To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. 21 To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. 23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.





Cultural Filter

