

Sermon Outline

Relationships, changed. | Qian Tan

Bible Reading: Philemon

1. **A powerful story in the making**
2. **Relationships, changed.**

Paul's requests

Partnership and the New Humanity

Partnership = Fellowship

"... there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all." (Col 3:11)

Similar teachings: 1 Corinthians 12, Galatians 3, Ephesians 4

Reconciliation made possible

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:17-19)

3. **What does this mean for us?**

Are we living out the story of this relationship in our day-to-day lives?

Think of a relationship that's tense or where there's conflict or that we don't want to deal with. What would it look like for us to live out the story of this relationship in those relationships?