

## "THE BELIEVER'S SAVIOUR, INTERCESSOR, & EXAMPLE"

*(Finding Peace by Forgiving Others and Yourself - Part IV)  
(II Corinthians 5:17-21)*

**Focus:** One of the most compelling teachings on {forgiveness} is *Ephesians 4:32!*

### I. GOD PURSUES {RECONCILIATION} WITH SINNERS

<i>*Isaiah 53:6</i>	<i>*Psalm 14:2-3</i>	<i>*I John 4:19</i>	<i>*Romans 5:6-8</i>
<i>*Isaiah 1:18</i>	<i>*Malachi 3:7</i>	<i>*Isaiah 49:14-16</i>	<i>*Hebrews 1:1</i>
<i>*John 20:30-31</i>	<i>*I John 4:10-11</i>	<i>*II Corinthians 5:19</i>	<i>*II Corinthians 5:21</i>
<i>*Isaiah 53:4-5</i>	<i>*John 12:32</i>	<i>*Revelation 22:17</i>	<i>*John 16:8</i>
<i>*John 6:44</i>	<i>*Acts 1:8</i>	<i>*II Corinthians 5:18-20</i>	<i>*Psalm 115:17-18</i>

1. God pursues sinners through the {prophets}.
2. God pursues sinners through the {incarnation}.

**Note:** Every Christmas tree proclaims the {gospel}!

3. God pursues sinners through the {cross}.
4. God pursues sinners through the {Holy Spirit}.
5. God pursues sinners through other {believers}.

### II. GOD TELLS BELIEVERS TO FOLLOW HIS {EXAMPLE} IN PURSUING RECONCILIATION WITH SINNERS

<i>*II Corinthians 5:17-20</i>	<i>*II Corinthians 1:3-4</i>	<i>*I Peter 2:21-23</i>	
<i>*James 4:4-8</i>	<i>*I Timothy 2:3-6</i>	<i>*Matthew 18:15-17</i>	
<i>*Titus 3:9-11</i>	<i>*Matthew 23:37</i>	<i>*Malachi 3:6-7</i>	<i>*Romans 12:18</i>

1. God {desires} reconciliation with sinners (enemies).

**Note:** When a person is not walking with God, they are called {enemy of God}.

2. God {pursues} reconciliation with sinners.
3. God {respects} a sinner's free will.