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Theme: *Transfiguring World Christianity*



Reconciliation: Figuring Out World Christianity Amidst World Conflicts

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It is Good for Us to be Here

“Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here’” (Luke 9: 33). So too it is good for us to gather at the scene of the transfiguration of Christ to witness and learn the manifestation of reconciliation.

But what does transfiguration have to do with reconciliation? How is the event of the transfiguration a manifestation and a declaration of the reconciliation of the whole world on the cross? How should Christianity be transfigured in reconciliation in a world full of conflicts? Is it possible to reconcile peoples within a Christian framework?

In an attempt to figure out answers to these questions, different frameworks of reconciliation are studied. Alongside this, the transfiguration motifs of light, mountain, cloud, and tabernacle are considered in the light of the reconciliation of the nature of the Lord in a particular place and time with redeemed human identity. It is proposed that the new identity of Christians empowers them to minister reconciliation to the whole world. And yes, it is possible to have Christian reconciliation in world conflicts and a contemporary example is provided to demonstrate what this might look like.

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