The Reconciliation — Paul the Apostle

Scripture: 2 Cor. 5 vs 16-21 (New English Bible)
Verse: 2 Cor. 5 vs 18

1. There is a special reason why we are conducting this morning's service. Why do we do this? The reading of 16 June 1976 explains what happened in the service on that day. It will always be the last as seen.

2. There is another reason why we are conducting our worship service as well as our weekly services. Many Christian churches in SA as well as in the world are struggling to find answers to the issue of reconciliation or healing of division. Paul in his letter to the Galatians (also known as the Galatians or the Epistle to the Galatians) has written that in any other country, in such a situation, there is such a bond of love, As many as 1000 are deeply involved in our own experience. 

3. But is this the present reason why we are SA churches so involved? Because of June 16? Because of the reading of the TRE? What we can ask about these Sunday evenings on TV?
Another truth which we have to remember is that lasting healing is only possible if we have been willing to be reconciled!

We hear so much to-day in many Settings that we are talking about the healing of the nation. It is a beautiful theme: but does it mean any of the healing of attitudes, of relations, of past wrongs? But do we realize that the only way in which the nation can be healed and its soul restored is through true reconciliation?

What does this appeal of Paul say to us as Christians, as Churches, as States?

Politically: He needs to become reconciled - Does not really that we all seem to belong to one part only, or have only one fat, often -

Economically: a gap between "rich" and "poor"

Culturally: "rainbow nation" - languages, culture, customs, traditions

Morally: Spiritually: Most difficult task - challenge to the Church

Personally: Call to every individual:
- anybody you need to be reconciled to?
  - your husband, wife?
  - your father, mother?
  - your son, daughter?
  - your family or friend?

The go, act, be reconciled if you have to be healed!