



“AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST: RECONCILED RECONCILERS (PART III)”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-21 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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CONTEXT



11 Since, therefore, having known the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people. But, to God, what we are has been clearly revealed. And, I hope it to be clearly revealed in your consciences, as well. 12 We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast because of us, so that you may have [something to say to] those who boast before you in appearances and not in heart. 13 For if we were out of our mind, it was for God. If we were in our right mind, it was for you. (2 Cor 5:11-13, AT)





CONTEXT



14 For the love of Christ constrains us, having judged this: that One died for all; as a result, all died. 15 And He died for all, so that those who live should no longer live for themselves – but for He who died for them and was raised [to life]. 16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we had regarded Christ according to the flesh, yet we no longer regard [Him in this way]. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old has passed away; the new has come! (2 Cor 5:14-17, AT)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:18
THE MINISTRY OF
RECONCILIATION



All this is from God who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation.

(2 Cor 5:18, AT)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:18
THE MINISTRY OF
RECONCILIATION



Once you were **alienated** from God
and were **enemies** in your minds
because of your evil behavior.
(Col 1:21, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:18
THE MINISTRY OF
RECONCILIATION



- 1 Surely the arm of the LORD [YHWH] is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.
- 2 **But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear. (Is 59:1-2, NIV)**





2 CORINTHIANS 5:18
THE MINISTRY OF
RECONCILIATION

**If anyone turns a deaf ear to my instruction,
even their prayers are detestable. (Pr 28:9, NIV; cf. 1 Pet 3:7)**

**The LORD [YHWH] detests the sacrifice of the wicked,
but the prayer of the upright pleases him. (Pr 15:8, NIV)**

**The LORD [YHWH] is far from the wicked,
but he hears the prayer of the righteous. (Pr 15:29, NIV)**





2 CORINTHIANS 5:18 THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION



21 Once you were **alienated** from God and were **enemies** in your minds because of your **evil behavior**. 22 But now he has **reconciled** you by **Christ's physical body through death** to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. (Col 1:21-23, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:19
THE ACCOUNTING
OF CHRIST



That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself – not counting their transgressions against them – and He entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:19, AT)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:19
THE ACCOUNTING
OF CHRIST



And forgive us our **debts**, as we
also have forgiven our **debtors**.

(Mt 6:12, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:19
LOVING JUSTICE,
HATING EVIL



Let those who **love the LORD [YHWH] hate evil**,
for he guards the lives of his faithful ones
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

(Ps 97:10, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:19
LOVING JUSTICE,
HATING EVIL



Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. (1 Cor 13:6, NIV)

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. (Rom 12:9, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:19 THE ACCOUNTING OF CHRIST

33 “This is the **covenant** I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD [YHWH],’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. “For I will **forgive** their wickedness and will **remember their sins no more.**” (Jer 31:33-34, NIV; cf. Rom 8:12-13)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:19
THE ACCOUNTING
OF CHRIST



1 Blessed is the one

whose **transgressions** are **forgiven**,
whose **sins** are **covered**.

2 Blessed is the one

whose sin the LORD [YHWH] **does not count against them**
and in whose spirit is no **deceit**. (Ps 32:1-2, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:19
THE ACCOUNTING
OF CHRIST

13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive **with Christ**. He **forgave us all our sins**, 14 having **canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness**, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. (Col 2:13-14, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:20
AMBASSADORS FOR
CHRIST



Therefore, we are ambassadors on Christ's behalf – as God makes His appeal through us. We beg you, on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God. (2 Cor 5:20, AT)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:20
AMBASSADORS FOR
CHRIST



18 – praying in the Spirit on all occasion[s] with all [kinds of] prayer and petition for this purpose: staying watchful with all perseverance and petition concerning all [God's] holy people, 19 and [also] for me, so that, when opening my mouth, a message may be given to me in order to boldly make known the mystery of the Gospel, 20 for which I am **an ambassador in chains**, so that I may proclaim it boldly as it is necessary to speak. (Eph 6:18-20, AT)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:20
AMBASSADORS FOR
CHRIST



4 Rather, as **servants of God** we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in **troubles, hardships and distresses**; 5 in **beatings, imprisonments and riots**; in hard work, **sleepless nights and hunger**; 6 in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; 7 in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left;
(2 Cor 6:4-7, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:20
AMBASSADORS FOR
CHRIST



8 through glory and **dishonor**, **bad report** and good report;
genuine, yet **regarded as impostors**; 9 known, yet **regarded
as unknown**; **dying**, and yet **we live on**; **beaten**, and yet not
killed; 10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; **poor**, yet **making
many rich**; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

(2 Cor 6:8-10, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:20
AMBASSADORS FOR
CHRIST



Very truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me.” (Jn 13:20, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:20
AMBASSADORS FOR
CHRIST



Anyone who welcomes **you** welcomes
me, and anyone who welcomes **me**
welcomes the **one** who sent me.

(Mt 10:40, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:20
AMBASSADORS FOR
CHRIST



And replying, the King will say to them,
"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one
of the **least of these brothers and sisters of
mine**, you did for **Me.**" (Mt 25:40, AT)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:20
AMBASSADORS FOR
CHRIST



4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him,

“Saul, Saul, **why do you persecute me?**”

5 “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“**I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,**” he replied. (Ac 9:4-5, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:21
THE GREAT
EXCHANGE



The One who knew no sin, for us, was made sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

(2 Cor 5:21, AT)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:21
THE GREAT
EXCHANGE



For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been **tempted in every way**, just as we are—**yet he did not sin.** (Heb 4:15, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:21
THE GREAT
EXCHANGE



**“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”**
(2 Pet 2:22, NIV; cf. Is 53:9)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:21
THE GREAT
EXCHANGE



25 God presented Christ as a **sacrifice of atonement**, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, **so as to be just** and the one who **justifies those who have faith in Jesus.**

(Rom 3:25-26, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:21
THE GREAT
EXCHANGE

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by **becoming a curse for us**, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole [Dt 21:23].” (Gal 3:13, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:21
TRANSFORMATIONAL
EXCHANGE



28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many **brothers and sisters**. (Rom 8:28-29, NIV)





2 CORINTHIANS 5:21
TRANSFORMATIONAL
EXCHANGE



And we all, who with unveiled faces
contemplate the Lord's glory, are being
transformed into his image with ever-
increasing glory, which comes from the Lord,
who is the Spirit. (2 Cor 3:18, NIV)

