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DEEPENING OUR CONCERN

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

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## 2 Cor. 5:18-21

*All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*

**20** *Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

**21** *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.* (ESV)

1. Carefully \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.18a, 19a, 20b)

2. Decisively \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.18b, 19b-20a)

3. Accurately \_\_\_\_\_ (v.21)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. Read **Ephesians 6:19–20**. Paul asked for prayer to speak boldly in a hostile world. How does the image of being Christ's ambassador encourage you to represent him with greater confidence?
2. Read **Luke 19:10**. Since Jesus' purpose was to seek and save the lost, what practical steps can you take to keep that mission shaping your outlook and priorities this week?
3. Read **Ezekiel 18:23, 32; 33:11**. If God has always desired repentance rather than judgment, how do these verses challenge the mistaken idea that the God of the Old Testament is different from the God of the New Testament?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 5:20**. How does the thought that it says God himself is appealing through us change the way you think about sharing the gospel? How can that perspective start to dismantle our excuses for being silent?
5. Read **2 Corinthians 5:21**. Many people speak of God or Jesus in vague, sentimental, or surface-level ways. What is at stake if we fail to present the core issues of what this verse teaches about sin, substitution, and imputed righteousness?

*The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).*

Msg. 18-36 – **Condemned in Our Place**  
Msg. 19-03 – **Reading Scripture in Light of Redemption**  
Msg. 18-32 – **The Price of Forgiveness**  
Msg. 13-07 – **Grateful for an Inclusive God**  
Msg. 12-42 – **On the Polarizing Effect of Jesus Christ**  
Msg. 14-23 – **Why We Amplify the Truth**  
Msg. 20-02 – **Telling the Truth**

## **Daily Bible Reading Schedule**

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> .....Prov.25-27 & 2Cor.6  
Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> .....Prov.28-29 & 2Cor.7  
Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> .....Prov.30-31 & 2Cor.8  
Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> .....Ecc.1-3 & 2Cor.9  
Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> .....Ecc.4-6 & 2Cor.10  
Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> .....Ecc.7-9 & 2Cor.11:1-15  
Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> .....Ecc.10-12 & 2Cor.11:16-33  
Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> .....Song 1-3 & 2Cor.12

*Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

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Hill, Charles, and Frank James, eds. **The Glory of the Atonement**. InterVarsity Press, 2010.  
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Morris, Leon. **The Atonement: Its Meaning and Significance**. InterVarsity Press, 1984.  
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Packer, J. I. **Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God**. InterVarsity Press, 1961.  
Packer, J. I., and Mark Dever. **In My Place Condemned He Stood**. Crossway Books, 2008.  
Sproul, R. C. **The Truth of the Cross**. Reformation Trust, 2007.  
Stott, John R. W. **The Cross of Christ**. InterVarsity Press, 1986.  
Washer, Paul. **The Gospel's Power and Message**. Reformation Heritage Books, 2012.  
Wax, Trevin. **Counterfeit Gospels: Rediscovering the Good News in a World of False Hope**. Moody Publishers, 2011.