

## ***Reconciled to God As New Creations***

### ***II Corinthians 5:16-6:1-2***

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come!" - II Corinthians 5:17*

- I. How do you see other people? How do you see yourself?
  - A. Do you see what is obviously there or what is obvious to God?
  - B. Seeing through God's eyes is essential to reconciliation.
  
- II. We are new creations in Christ - 5:16-17
  - A. A look back to 5:14-15 - "For Christ's love compels us..."
  - B. Christ's work sets us free from a "worldly point of view".
  - C. The world also tries to fit Jesus into its mold--but He is God!
  - D. If we are in Christ, we are also completely new people, like Him--and so are those around us.
  - E. Paul first recognized who Christ was--then Christ in His people.  
--Acts 9:5
  - F. What does it mean to be a new creation in Christ?  
--Ephesians 2:10: Ephesians 4:22-24
  - G. Being a new creation means I also look at others a new way.
  - H. This was how Paul viewed these difficult Corinthians.
  
- II. God is the Great Reconciler - 5:18-19
  - A. Reconciliation is God's work: "All this is from God..."
  - B. Reconciliation is the complete restoration of a broken relationship.  
--The root meaning is "to repair."
  
- III. God gives to us His work of reconciliation - 5:19-20
  - A. Reconciliation is highly contagious.

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- B. "God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them."
  - C. Do we see God as the One who pursues us for our good?
  - D. Two parts: the Ministry and the Message.
  - E. We are Christ's ambassadors. - 5:20
  - F. Notice the urgency: appeal, implore
- IV. "Be reconciled to God" - 5:20-21
- A. Paul turns to the Corinthians with this message.
  - B. Do I also need to hear this message: "Be reconciled to God"?
  - C. This is a present tense, every day message: Walk with God
  - D. A sacrifice was required for our peace - 5:21
  - E. The outcome: "So that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."
- V. Grace is available now - 6:1-2
- A. It is possible to receive God grace without benefit.
  - B. Today is the day to respond to God's grace! (6:2)
  - C. If you can hear and understand the grace of God today, you are in a moment of favor with the King.
  - D. God will not force Himself on us.
  - E. "Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."
  - F. New creations are sustained daily by the present grace of God.