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## ***Ambassadors of Christ and the Gospel***

*2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

- To be saved means to be rescued from something, and the Bible tells us that sinners need to be rescued from God.
- God saved us so that we can participate in the expansion of His kingdom.
- The moment that God saved you He enlisted you as His ambassador. The moment you were saved you were given a mission. The Gospel that has saved us is the same Gospel that we must proclaim to the perishing world that we live in. Jesus Christ our Savior is also Jesus Christ our Captain who commissions us to the world to preach His Gospel.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 is unapologetically Christ-centered. Paul communicates that salvation is only possible through Jesus Christ.

### **1. We have a new \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ (v. 17)**

- Our identity **apart from Christ** in the sight of God is condemned (John 3:18) because we are slaves of sin (John 8:34)
- If you are *in Christ* your past sins don't define who you are any longer. You don't have to carry the guilt of your sin any more. Why? They were nailed to the cross (Col. 2:13-14)

### **2. We are \_\_\_\_\_ to God through Jesus Christ (v. 18, 19, 21)**

- Sin separates us from God. Sin against the Holy God of the Scriptures is betrayal, rebellion, and treason.
- We rightfully deserve God's anger and punishment, but we are finally at peace with Him because He poured His wrath on another, His Son (v. 21) In light of all of this Gospel truth, we are called to \_\_\_\_\_ this Good News (v. 18, 19, 20)

### **Application:**

1. If your identity is in Christ share to someone that you know how they can find their identity in Him as well.
2. If you have been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ share with someone that you know how *they* can be reconciled to God.
3. Pray that God, the Lord of the Harvest, will take care of the rest (Mark 4:26-29; 1 Cor. 37)

*"...and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ"- Philemon 6*