

**Sermon Title:**

**"Our Joyful Mission"**

(Part II)

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**Sermon Text:**

(II Corinthians 5:17-21)

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**Introduction:**

- The main idea of II Corinthians 5:17-21 centers on the doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_.

**I. The Meaning Of Reconciliation**

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Reconciliation**

*"Because man is sinful, he is estranged from a holy God; and because God is holy, He is estranged from sinful man."*

- \_\_\_\_\_ *estrangement from* \_\_\_\_\_ is well documented in Scripture – ***Colossians 1:21; Romans 5:7, 5:10.***
- Men are born \_\_\_\_\_ against their \_\_\_\_\_!
- \_\_\_\_\_ *estrangement from* \_\_\_\_\_ is also well documented in Scripture – ***Romans 5:10; Ephesians 2:3***
- Those who are under the \_\_\_\_\_ are also under the \_\_\_\_\_!
- Don't misunderstand, we are not talking about " \_\_\_\_\_ " here; we are talking about " \_\_\_\_\_ !"
- Man's only hope is to be reconciled to God!

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Reconciliation (5:17-20)**

*"This work of making sinners a new creation and of giving them an eternal destiny in heaven are the works of God, not something we have to earn or can achieve!"*

- God has \_\_\_\_\_ this ministry of reconciliation, even though He is the innocent party! \_\_\_\_\_ reconciled \_\_\_\_\_ to Himself; \_\_\_\_\_ didn't reconcile \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.
- ***I Peter 1:18-19***
- Having \_\_\_\_\_ us to Himself, God now \_\_\_\_\_ us to take up the ministry of reconciliation!

*God uses the \_\_\_\_\_ to reconcile men and women to Himself!*

- ***Romans 10:17***

*“Through all the terrors of the cross, God the Father was working in and with God the Son, reconciling the world to Himself”.*

- What was the awesome spiritual transaction that took place on the cross?
- **Luke 22:39-46; Psalm 75:8; Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15**
- On the cross, Jesus became an \_\_\_\_\_ of God who was judged and forced to drink the cup of the Father’s fury so that we would not have to!
- **Isaiah 53:10**
- If sin could just be \_\_\_\_\_, then it never needed to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- What does it mean to be **“ambassadors of Christ?”**

*Our joyful \_\_\_\_\_ is the ministry of \_\_\_\_\_!*

#### IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Reconciliation (5:21)

- *It is not \_\_\_\_\_ who needs to be reconciled to \_\_\_\_\_; it is \_\_\_\_\_ who desperately needs to be reconciled to \_\_\_\_\_!*
- \_\_\_\_\_ is man’s failed attempt at \_\_\_\_\_!
- **Romans 5:6-10; Ephesians 2:14-16; Colossians 1:19-20**

#### **Reconciliation Is A Possibility Because Of Two Things:**

- *It is possible **only** because God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.* (v. 21a)
- *It is possible **only** because God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.* (v. 21b)

#### **Conclusion:**

***“We implore you, on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God!”***