

Sermon Title:

"Our Joyful Mission"

(Part4)

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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 reconciliation.

I. The Meaning Of Reconciliation

II. The Motivation Of Reconciliation

III. The Ministry Of Reconciliation

IV. The _____ Of Reconciliation (5:21)

The Ultimate Question: *How is it possible to reconcile the relationship between God and man without excusing man's sin or ignoring God's holiness?*

A. Reconciliation is possible *Only* because God _____ the _____ (v. 21a)

➤ *Matthew 5:24; I Corinthians 7:11*

➤ **Nowhere in the Bible do we ever read of _____ reconciling _____ to himself or of _____ being _____ to _____ - _____ is the _____!**

➤ *Romans 5:6-11; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:11-16; Colossians 1:19-20*

_____ did not go after _____, _____ came after _____!

➤ The phrase, "***For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,***" means that God took the initiative to fulfill the _____ of His own _____!

B. Reconciliation is possible *Only* because God _____ the _____ (v. 21a)

"God reconciled the world of lost sinners to Himself by an absolutely, extraordinary, unimaginable judicial act!"

➤ **God gave _____ our _____ so that He in turn could give _____ His _____.**

➤ *What specific act was required in order to make our reconciliation possible?*

➤ **Jesus did at least three things in order to make reconciliation possible:**

1. **He _____ the _____** ("who knew no sin")

○ *I Peter 1:19; 2:22; John 8:46; Hebrews 4:15; I John 3:5; Hebrews 7:26*

- Why is the sinlessness of Christ so important when it comes to reconciliation?
- The word “*propitiation*” means to _____ or to _____ (*I John 2:2; 4:10*)

2. He _____ our _____ (“*He made Him to be sin*”)

- When Jesus hung on the cross, He wasn’t made a _____; He was made _____!
- *Isaiah 53:6; John 1:29; I Peter 2:24; Matthew 27:46*
- Why did God do that to His own son?

3. He _____ our _____ (“*For our sake*”)

- In carrying our sins, Christ became the _____ of _____ against our sin!
- *Christ didn’t merely die for our _____ - He died in our _____!*
- *Galatians 3:13; I Peter 3:18; II Corinthians 9:15*

“The heart of salvation is the cross of Christ. The reason salvation is so easy to obtain is that it cost God so much. The cross was the place where God and sinful man merged with tremendous collision and where the way to life was opened. But all the cost and pain of the collision was absorbed by the heart of God!” (Osswald Chambers)

C. Reconciliation is possible *Only* because God now _____ the _____

(v. 21b)

- **Think about it**, God treated Jesus as if He _____ in order that He might treat us as if we _____! Theologians refer to this as the doctrine of _____.

➤ *Romans 3:24, 22*

“might become”- the righteousness of God is not _____ until it is _____!

Conclusion:

To “*be reconciled to God*” means to “_____ your _____,”
and to receive your reconciliation means to *receive your* _____!