

# *Ambassadors*

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**16** From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. **18** 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. (2 Cor. 5:16-21, ESV)

## **1. New Perspective (v. 16-17)**

- We are a new \_\_\_\_\_
- Everyone is created \_\_\_\_\_  
*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." (Gen. 1:26a)*

## **2. New Position (v. 18-20)**

### **Ambassadors**

- Are always \_\_\_\_\_
- Are in the world but \_\_\_\_\_
- Represent \_\_\_\_\_
- Bring the message of \_\_\_\_\_

## **3. New Proclamation (v. 21)**

Reconciliation through the cross

### **The Great Exchange**

Jesus who was \_\_\_\_\_ took my sin, and I, an unrighteous sinner, get his \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Questions for personal study:**

1. How do I view those around me? Do I truly see each person as an image-bearer of God?
2. Where has God sent me? What are my circles of accountability?
3. How well do I represent the King? What preferences do I represent instead of speaking for the King?
4. Great Exchange: Do I proclaim the full message of reconciliation or do I just offer "fire insurance"? Do I understand the exchange on the cross and live as the righteousness of Christ?

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