

# Reach the Lost

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

<sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

<sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

<sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

# Something New

## A. New outlook

1. Do not follow world's standard
2. View Christ differently

## B. New creatures

1. Old is gone
2. New has come
3. Given by God through Christ

# New Responsibility

A. Reconciliation

B. God initiated

1. Through Christ

2. Not counting men's sins against them

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

<sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

**John 3:17-18**

# New Responsibility

A. Reconciliation

B. God initiated

1. Through Christ

2. Not counting men's sins against them

3. Man's choice to accept

# New Responsibility

## C. Christ's ambassadors

1. Highest ranking minister of govt.
2. Manage public concerns of ruler
3. Represent power & dignity of sovereign
4. God making His appeal through us

# New Responsibility

D. Implore others to be reconciled

1. Urgency

2. Extreme importance

3. Confrontational

<sup>22</sup> Be merciful to those who doubt;  
<sup>23</sup> snatch others from the fire and save  
them; to others show mercy, mixed with  
fear--hating even the clothing stained  
by corrupted flesh. **Jude 1:22-23**

# We are Nothing Apart from God

A. He gave us Christ

1. sinless

2. Became sin

B. To make us something

1. Took our sin

2. Gave us righteousness

