

Kingdom Ambassadors in a World Gone Mad

Building His Church—The Commission Wall: Part 4
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2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Having been reconciled to God through Christ, we receive a ministry of reconciliation which we carry to the world as Christ's ambassadors.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, certain that God is appealing through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God."

1. What is RECONCILIATION?
 - a. Reconciliation means achieving the terms of _____ between two _____ parties.
 - b. If we have been reconciled to God through Christ, it means that we were once in a state of _____ against Him until we received the _____ of Christ.
 - c. If we have yet to be reconciled to God through Christ, we are _____ in a state of war against God.
2. WHAT DOES THE WORLD OFFER? The world achieves peace and reconciliation through _____ and it is a temporary and cheap _____ of real peace.
3. Our _____ relationship with God defines our _____ relationships with one another... and VICE VERSA!
 - a. We receive _____ to offer _____. (Matthew 18:21-35)
 - b. We receive _____ to offer _____. (1 John 4:20-21)
 - c. We receive _____ to offer _____. (2 Corinthians 5:20)These relationships cannot be undone.
4. Saying yes to our calling as ambassadors of reconciliation means going out through the _____ of the Commissioning Wall and into the world together, to _____ for reconciliation.
5. The Commissioning Wall of the church has a _____! (John 10:9)



Digging Deeper

(for group study and conversation, and for personal reflection)

1. Who did God use to bring the ministry of reconciliation into my life? Who served as a "MARTUS" to me?
2. Do I fully believe that Christ has reconciled me to the Father? Do I trust that this work of reconciliation has been fully accomplished for me by Jesus and have I fully accepted it?
3. If I choose to receive the reconciliation Christ is offering me, and yet reject the ministry of reconciliation that comes with it, what are the implications or possible consequences of this contradiction?
4. Who can I bring to the empty chair at our table? Who am I pleading with to be reconciled to God? How is it going?