

Ministers of Reconciliation – 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

1. The _____ Nature of Paul's Ministry (5:11-17)

- a. Motivated by the _____ (5:11-13)

- b. Motivated by the _____ (5:14-17)

2. The _____ Nature of Paul's Ministry (5:18-21)

- a. Paul was Given a Ministry of _____ (18-19)

What is reconciliation?

"Restoration of friendly relationships and of peace where before there had been hostility and alienation."

Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible

- b. Paul _____ with them to be Reconciled to God (5:20-21)

What is an ambassador?

"A minister of the highest rank employed by one prince or state, at the court of another, to manage the public concerns of his own prince or state, and representing the power and dignity of his sovereign."

American Dictionary of the English Language

3. Don't _____ the Gospel or _____ your Chance (6:1-2)

- a. We get to _____ with God! Does He need us? No! v. 1

- b. As we minister, we appeal to people to not receive God's grace _____ .

- c. Paul calls out to the church in Corinth, "Now is the favorable time. _____." v. 2

4. Application

- a. As important as our peace in our human relationships is, how much more important that we are reconciled to God.

- b. In addition to our own reconciliation, we are privileged to serve God as agents of reconciliation, as His ambassadors!

- c. Let's pray, prepare, and take advantage of our role as God's ministers of reconciliation.