

**Returning to the Authentic Gospel  
Restoring Our Faith – God’s Reconciliation  
2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2 – Part 3**

**SERMON NOTES**

**Part 1**

**Why Humanity needs God’s Reconciliation**

**1. Judgment NECESSITATES God’s Reconciliation.**

**2. God’s Love INCORPORATES God’s Reconciliation.**

**3. The Flesh ALIENATES God’s Reconciliation.**

**Part 2**

**How God brings His Reconciliation**

**4. The Father INITIATES God’s Reconciliation.**

**5. Jesus INAUGURATES God’s Reconciliation.**

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**How Humanity Receives God’s Reconciliation**

**6. The Spirit ACTIVATES God’s Reconciliation.**

2 Corinthians 5:18 (ESV) — All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV) — But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

2 Corinthians 5:16 (ESV) 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.

1 Samuel 16:7b (ESV) — ... For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.

**Galatians 3:28 (ESV)** *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

## **7. The Church APPROPRIATES God's Reconciliation.**

**2 Corinthians 5:19–20 (ESV)** — *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. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

- **The MESSAGE of Reconciliation**

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***When we activate the Holy Spirit's reconciling power, He releases through us the message of reconciliation!***

**1 Corinthians 1:22–24 (ESV)** — *For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

- **The MINDSET of Reconciliation**

**2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV)** — *Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

***Ambassador - to function as a representative of a ruling authority***

***Appeal - to ask a person to accept offered hospitality—'to invite.'***

**Matthew 5:13 (ESV)** — *You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.*

***Implore - to ask for with urgency, with the implication of presumed need—'to plead, to beg.'***

***We must come to the place where we see every encounter with people as a potential divine encounter between them and God with us as His agent of grace.***

- **The MINISTRY of Reconciliation**

**2 Corinthians 6:1–2 (ESV)** — *Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*

***We are not working FOR God, but WITH Him!***

**John 6:44 (ESV) — No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.**

**1 Thessalonians 3:2 (ESV) — We sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith**

**Matthew 28:19–20 (ESV) — Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

***Our mission is to carry the transforming love of Jesus to every longing heart!***

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