

■ Episode 61 — Jesus Makes Us New

Friday Lord's Supper Meditation

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:17–20 (CSB)

Episode Summary:

On this Friday Lord's Supper meditation, we step away from the weekday walk through Matthew to consider what the table proclaims. When we break the bread and drink the cup, we're remembering something specific — not just Jesus in general, but the heart of the gospel: reconciliation. Paul writes to a church he's had hard conversations with and reminds them what they are in Christ. A new creation. Reconciled to God. Trespasses no longer counted. And then he sends them out as ambassadors. The table gathers us around what God has done, and releases us to carry the message to those who haven't yet come.

Key Themes:

- Reconciliation as the heart of the gospel
- God's initiative met by our response — both are true
- The great exchange at the cross: our sin for His righteousness
- The Lord's Supper as a proclamation of reconciliation accomplished
- Ambassadorship as the natural outflow of communion

Key Scripture:

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come! Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, ‘Be reconciled to God.’” — 2 Corinthians 5:17–20 (CSB)

Takeaway Truth:

The Lord's Supper proclaims a relationship made whole. God took the initiative at the cross; we respond by coming, receiving, and continuing to walk with Him. Reconciliation is not a finished transaction but a living relationship we keep saying yes to.

Application for Today:

When you come to the table this Sunday, let one phrase settle on you: “not counting their trespasses against them.” What God has done with your account through Christ — that's what the bread and cup remember. Then carry that reality out into the week. You are an ambassador of a God who wants others back too.

Series Focus:

This Friday Lord's Supper meditation sits inside Week One of the Matthew 5 series. As we work through the Beatitudes on Tuesday through Thursday, Fridays pull us away from the expository walk to stand at the table. The Sermon on the Mount describes the life of the kingdom; the Lord's Supper is where that life gets fed. Both are essential, and both are held together in the ongoing rhythm of the Christian walk.