

AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST

2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-21



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Message title: The Heart of the Gospel

Foundation Scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:9-21

Introduction

Last week we studied **2 Corinthians 5:17-20**.

This newsletter will deal with **2 Corinthians 5:21**, which says:

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

God who saw that men were lost because of their sins, took the sins of the world and laid them on His own son.

He Knew No Sin

The description of our great Saviour hangs on one point - “He knew no sin.” Our Saviour was spotless, innocent, and pure.

Throughout His life, He never committed an offence against the law of God. He was the lamb of God without blemish and without spot - He was without sin.

As there was no sin of commission, there was also no fault of omission. He took our infirmities but never exhibited an infirmity.

The eyes of Jesus never had an evil glance; nor did His lips drop a hasty word, because His heart was filled with holiness and love.

Within, as well as without, our Lord was without blemish. There was no shadow of fault to be found in Him; His desires were as perfect as His actions.

There were no evil tendencies in our Lord Jesus. It was His nature to be pure, right, and loving.

He Was Made Sin

What was done with this perfect being who knew no sin?

He was "made to be sin". Read **Isaiah 53:6**.

Instead of sin resting on the sinner who committed them, the sins of the world were made to rest on Jesus who was without sin. In addition, the righteousness that Jesus had was placed on the account of the guilty ones, to make righteous all that believe in Christ. This is an amazing thing!

Who Did It?

It was God Himself who appointed His dear Son to be made sin for guilty men.

2 Corinthians 5:21 says:

"For He (God) made Him (Christ) who knew no sin to be sin for us,"

In the death of Christ, there was a display of divine sovereignty as well as divine justice.

God did what only *He* could do - place the sins of the world on one, sinless person.

God - the righteous Judge of all, who is unquestionable and gives no account of His actions, did it.

For more context, read **Romans 9:20; Genesis 18:25**.