The ministry of Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

1. Intro
   1. Prayer for victory over covid
   2. You have treasure in the indwell Spirit
   3. You are connected with Christ in death and eternal life
   4. Every Moment Matters!
2. Text
   1. Verse 16
      1. Because of the Spiritual change that took place on the cross and through the resurrection
      2. We are no longer regarding folks from a perspective of the flesh
      3. The “hear and now” is not the “front and center”
   2. Verse 17
      1. Anyone in Christ is made new
      2. No longer slave to sin
      3. No longer without hope
      4. A NEW CREATION
      5. ALL THINGS MADE NEW
   3. Verse 18
      1. This is from God
      2. He gave us NEW LIFE and RECONCILIATION
      3. And gave us the ministry of reconciliation
      4. In other word…job description with power
   4. Verse 19:
      1. the gospel
      2. Not counting our sins against us
      3. Holy God forgiving sins…that is reconciliation and Grace
   5. Verse 20
      1. We are…ambassadors of the ministry of God
      2. God making HIS appeal through us
      3. You are a tool in the masters hand
   6. Verse 21
      1. He who knew no sin, became sin
      2. That we might become His righteousness
3. Point
   1. The new has come through Christ
      1. Regard no-one according to the flesh
         1. Our battle is not against flesh and blood…Ephesians 6
         2. Righteousness, and depravity are no longer matters of the flesh
         3. These are spiritual statements
      2. The condition of the “New creation” is being found “IN CHRIST”
         1. How are you found in Christ? By grace through faith
         2. What does it mean?
            1. He Abides in you and you in Him
            2. The treasure in jars of clay changes us in this way
      3. What is new?
         1. All things pertaining to the person in Christ
         2. Nothing is left untouched
      4. This is a complete and comprehensive life change, no area is untouched
         1. So why do you struggle? What are there still things you can’t overcome?
         2. Many times it involves surrender, and control issues.
            1. When you desire to remain in control of your life you will remain in conflict in your Spirit
            2. When you desire to cling to the physical world, you will remain in conflict in your Spirit
   2. The gift of God through Christ
      1. Release control and find peace with God!
      2. He has given you His Spirit, and a new Life wit hope and peace.
      3. The enemy has come to steal, kill, and destroy.
         1. Don’t let the enemy steal your confidence in Christ!
         2. Don’t let the enemy steal your fulfillment in Christ!
         3. Don’t let the enemy steal your joy in Christ!
      4. You have been given a gift, that is intended to also be given away in multiplication!
         1. Your gift is salvation, so express your faith the others…every moment matters
         2. Your gift is discipleship, so teach others the truths you have learned…every moment matters
         3. Your gift is grace, so demonstrate grace to those you come into contact with.
         4. Your gift is peace, so be an example of peace and contentment IN CHRIST.
   3. We implore you on behalf of Christ
      1. How much more reason do you need…JESUS!
      2. He is enough reason
      3. He is enough. Period
      4. People need to hear this life changing truth, implore them..
         1. implore: beg someone earnestly or desperately to do something.
         2. Is that how you share your faith to the world?
      5. You testimony is not many times an intellectual argument, many times its a single person standing on a bridge that is out trying to get the cars to stop before they go over the edge.
      6. I implore you! We implore others!
      7. So that WE might become the righteousness of GOD!
4. Close
   1. This power packed paragraph includes truth for us today
   2. New Creation
   3. Reconciliation
   4. Salvation