



Sunday Morning Message
The Ministry of Reconciliation
2nd Corinthians 5:14-21

The heart of everything God has done has been to have a relationship with His people. When we rejected Him, when we put ourselves into a position that was both opposite of Him and detrimental for us, He did what was necessary to reconcile.

I. The Regeneration of Reconciliation 14-16

- A. We were dead spiritually
- B. He died for us physically
- C. So we can live spiritually

II. The Ministry of Reconciliation 17-19

A. Reconciled through Christ

- 1. Made sin for us
- 2. Though He knew no sin
- 3. Paying that debt

B. Making us a new creature

- 1. Alive to spiritual things
 - a) Spiritually aware
 - b) Spiritually strong
- 2. Capable of better things
 - a) Resisting temptation
 - b) Having a better mindset

III. The Requirements of Reconciliation

A. We are ambassadors

- 1. We speak on behalf of our King
- 2. We bring honor to our King in a foreign land
 - a) Which means we behave ourselves

B. We seek to see others reconciled

1. The lost
2. The backslidden

C. We don't rekindle the argument

1. "If you love me keep my commandments"
2. Ephesians 4:30

³⁰ And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.