

Paul's Second  
Letter to the  
Corinthians

# FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

*--2 Corinthians 5:21*

### Class Time

- Prayer Requests
- Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
- Discussion Questions
- Outline & Lesson

### 2 Corinthians 5:10–21 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

➡ <sup>11</sup> Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup> We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup> For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

## 2 Corinthians

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

In v11 What is the fear of the Lord? Read these passages and note the descriptions and/or the associated attitudes, actions or results of godly fear:

Proverbs 1:7; Deuteronomy 6:13;  
Deuteronomy 31:12–13; Joshua 4:24;  
Joshua 24:14; 1 Samuel 12:24; Psalm 2:11;  
Psalm 34:7–9; Proverbs 15:33; Ecclesiastes  
12:13; Isaiah 33:6; Revelation 14:7

### Discussion Questions

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In v17 What does it mean that if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation? Is this new creation complete?

1 Corinthians 6:9–11; Rom 8:19-23;

### Discussion Questions

#### #3

In vv18-19 what is reconciliation? How did God reconcile the world to himself?

Romans 5:10f; 2 Corinthians 5:18ff;  
Ephesians 2:11ff; Colossians 1:19ff

## Ministry of Reconciliation

2 Cor 5:11-21

### I. The Fear of God vv 11-13

- A. Accountability v11a; see 5:10
- B. Transparency v11b
- C. Commendation v12
- D. Selflessness v13

### II. The Love of Christ vv 14-16

- A. A new motivation vv14-15
- B. A new perspective v 16;  
See Galatians 2:20

### III. The Message of Reconciliation

vv 17-21

- A. A new creation vv 17-18
- B. A divine cause vv18a; 19
- C. A divine appeal v20
- D. A divine satisfaction v21