

“One Great Assignment”

Real Ministry in a Dot.Com World • part 12
2 Corinthians 5:18-21

INTRODUCTION

- man does not seek reconciliation with God;
God seeks reconciliation with man
Rom. 3:11-12

“The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men. The Holy Spirit does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer.” – E.M. Bounds

- new creatures in Christ

MAIN IDEA

When God calls us unto Himself, He calls us into His service

1. New creatures in Christ: how did God do it?

- our life before Christ
Eph. 2:12
- “reconciliation” =
 - ingredient #1: Christ had to be sinless
1 Pet. 2:21-22; Heb. 4:15

- ingredient #2: Christ had to be made a sinner
Gal. 3:13

+ a substitute

– not a pardon

- “propitiation” =
Rom. 3:23-25; 1 Jn. 4:10

2. New creatures in Christ: what does God do with it?

- reconciled for a reason
- role of an ambassador

CONCLUSION

- experience of Isaiah
Isa. 6:1-8; Mt. 15:10-11

“The most powerful stimulus for changing a person’s mind is not a chemical. It’s not an electric shock. It’s not a baseball bat. It’s a word.”
– George Miller