

RECONCILED TO BE MINISTERS OF RECONCILIATION - 2C 5:18

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INTRODUCTION

1. 2C5:18 - recall survey of Ps 51 - v13 *Then I will teach transgressors Your ways & sinners will be converted to You.*
2. If God has reconciled us, He has also given us the ministry of reconciliation.

1st: God Reconciled Us to Himself Through Christ

1. Are we overwhelmed by "amazing grace"?
 - i. Unbiblical view of God.
 - ii. Unbiblical view of sin.
 - iii. Unbiblical view of reconciliation.
2. Root of joy, contentment, peace, hope: reconciled to God by God thru Christ! Impetus to live a life of love.

2nd: God Gave Us the Ministry of Reconciliation

1. *all these things* [context] *are from God* - thank you!
2. See the verbs: *He reconciled us & He gave us.* What is given is also one of *these things from God.* Reconciled people entrusted w/ stewardship.
3. *the ministry of reconciliation* - deacon: service. We are the means God uses to minister the message of reconciliation to yet to be reconciled people. v19 - *the word of reconciliation*: message, news, explanation of gospel

Applic #1: If You Have Been Reconciled, You Are to Minister Reconciliation

1. v18 Who is entrusted w/ *the ministry of reconciliation*?
2. All who God has reconciled to Himself are entrusted with *the ministry of reconciliation.*

Applic #2: Motivations to Minister God's Reconciliation

1. What motivated Paul?
 - i. v9-11 *fear of the Lord*
 - ii. v14-15 *the love of Christ*

iii. v16 eternity

2. 2C5:18