

## 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2 | Reconciled and Sent

Big Idea: People whose lives are changed by the gospel live to see other people's lives changed by the gospel.

1. **The Motivation for Paul's Mission**
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### **The Motivation for Paul's Mission**

Motivation #1: The Fear of the Lord

[11] 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.

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Motivation #2: The Love of Christ

[14] For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; [15] 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.

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### **The Content of Paul's Mission**

A. New Creation/Regeneration

[16] 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. [17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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## B. Reconciliation

[18] All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] 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.

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**Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.**

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## C. Justification

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

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### **The Method of Paul's Mission**

- A. Speaks Persuasively (v. 10)
  - B. Earnestly Appeals (5:20; 6:1)
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### **The Urgency of Paul's Mission**

[2] For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

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How should we respond?

1. Repent and believe.
2. Repent for our lack of evangelistic zeal.
3. Pray for workers for the harvest.
4. Pray for and support the work of our sent ones.
5. Pray for opportunities and then look for them. (Colossians 4:2-4)
6. Pray for boldness and clarity (Ephesians 6:18-20)
7. Pray for the Spirit's help as you share. (Luke 12:11-12; 21:12-15; Acts 4:29-31)
8. Ask for help.
9. Rejoice in the Gospel - You share what you enjoy!