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2 Corinthians 5:14-21

MBC Vision Emphasis 2022

BE TRANSFORMED as we are
motivated by grace to walk by faith in
obedience to the Lord.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

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Grasp the message of reconciliation

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

For if while **we were enemies** we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Romans 5:10

21 And you, who once **were alienated** and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

Colossians 1:21

What does reconciliation mean?

Reconciliation is the change of a person being alienated and at enmity with God to the believing person having peace and relationship with God.

Who does the 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,

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Who is the means of peace?

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2 Corinthians 5:18-19

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

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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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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 5:15

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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.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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- 3) Forget somebody was an ambassador to us.

Identify & Pray for door to share

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What should motivate us?

- 1) **Be motivated by a healthy fear of God, more than man.**

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. 11 Therefore, **knowing the fear of the Lord**, we persuade others. ...

2 Corinthians 5:10–11a

“Essential for ministry is a healthy reverence for God, not an unhealthy cowering before Him as if He were out of touch in connecting with us. The reverence of the Lord refers to the idea that we will all stand before Christ at the Judgment Seat to give account for what we have thought, said, and done. It is our sense of awe about that day that should direct our lives.”

“Motive for ministry should not be out of blind fear in response to a tyrant-type god but the response to God who judges all things right. The apprehension of the consequence of a misspent life is valid. All of us should have a sense of awe about the Lord’s accounting at the Judgment Seat of Christ.”

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What should motivate us?

2) Be Compelled by Christ's love.

For **the love of Christ controls us**, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 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 5:14-15