

The Ministry: Its Message

2 Corinthians 05:17–06: 02

1 *A message of regeneration:
Man can become a new creation,
a new man,
a new person*

2 *A message of reconciliation:
A world of men
brought back to God*

- a. The three persons involved:
Of God —
by Christ —
through men
- b. The way God wrought
the ministry of reconciliation
 - 1) By being in Christ
 - 2) By not counting sin
 - 3) By committing
the gospel to man

3 *A message committed
to ambassadors:
A world of men
made co-workers with God*

4 *A message of redemption:
A world reconciled
by a substitution for sin*

17 Therefore,
if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation;
the old has gone,
the new has come!

18 All this is from God,
who reconciled us to himself
through Christ
and gave us
the ministry of reconciliation:

19 That God was reconciling
the world to himself
in Christ,
not counting men's sins against them.
And he has committed to us
the message of reconciliation.

20 We are therefore
Christ's ambassadors,
as though God were making
his appeal through us.
We implore you on Christ's behalf:
Be reconciled to God.

21 God made him who had no sin
to be sin for us,
so that in him we might become
the righteousness of God.

5 *A message that demands a decision*

- a. Ministers are co-workers with God
- b. The appeal
- c. The decision:

CHAPTER 6

- 1 As God's fellow workers
we urge you
not to receive God's grace in vain.

- 2 For he says,
"In the time of my favour I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you."
I tell you,
now is the time of God's favour,
now is the day of salvation.