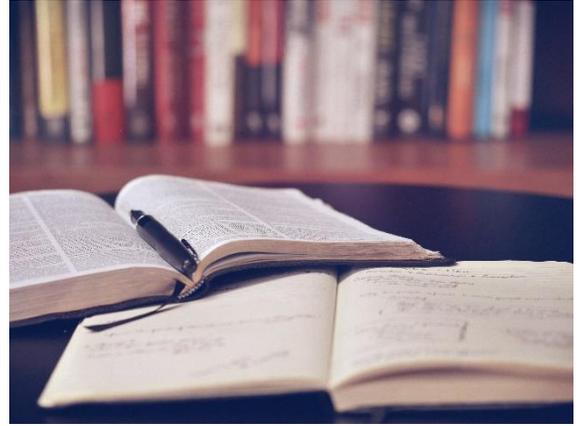


“God’s Trusted Ambassadors”

Sermon • 2 Corinthians 5

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- 1) Christians no longer regard anyone according to the flesh, because we are new creations, and because God reconciled us to himself.

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

(2 Corinthians 5:16-18)

- 2) We do not look or feel like reconciled, new creations.

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

(1 John 1:8)

- 3) On the cross, Christ did not look powerful, wise, or strong, but there, he showed the power, wisdom, and strength of God.

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (1 Corinthians 1:21-25)

- 4) Because we are in Christ, we may look weak, lowly, and sinful, but we are God's ambassadors.

¹⁹ ...in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us... (2 Corinthians 5:19-20)