

# PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A CARNAL WORLD

## 2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 5:20-21

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### WILL YOU COME WITH US ?

*developing and maintaining your new life in Christ.*

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**Born Again, New Life, Re-Creation, Regeneration**

Introduction to the Text; **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:20-21**

2 Cor. 5:20

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### The Unthinkable of God

#### Verse 21

For He (God the Father) made Him (God the Son) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Exchange is the very essence of the Gospel.**

**" I have done this for you so you can simply receive it. You need to give me what you are, and I will make you what I am – ( holy. )**

**Death for Life. Pain for Pleasure, Hell for Heaven, Darkness for Light**

**What About Him In Your Life = What Did He Do to You ?**

## WILL YOU COME WITH US

1.) Our God offers you **the way out**

v. 20

1a.) The way out of **existing**

v. 20

Now then, **we** are ambassadors for Christ,

**Now then** (in light of 17-19) Ambassadors for Christ

Jesus Christ not only saves us from a life of existence,  
but He recruits us into His service and on behalf of His Kingdom.

### To Be An Ambassador is Serious Business.

First off, an Ambassador is not a citizen of the land in which he lives. He is there by **special appointment**. He is there **under orders** and he is there with the **full weight** of his government behind him. He is there **to speak** for his country and for his country's best interest

### Ambassadors In The 1<sup>st</sup> Century Roman Empire;

if the Roman Emperor desired to send a message to a yet unconquered region, he would do so using his "**legatus**" or Ambassador. There were two types of Ambassador that represented the Empire. If the region was peaceful and under Roman rule – The Senate would have their Ambassador. But if the region was hostile and under a different government, The Emperor would send His Imperial Ambassador, The legatus. The action often carried with it the deployment into a hostile region.

#### Mark 1:16

And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 17 Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." 18 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Paul understands that as a Christian, the ministry is like that of the "Legatus"  
Deployed into a region that was hostile and under a different government.

**You would send your ambassador with a message**

of peace or demanding surrender. When the ambassador spoke – he spoke for the emperor and the empire. – and so do you.

### Our Ministry-Mission as Christians

Is to tell the people that the world has **already been reconciled**. It was done.

that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, (a finished work) not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

We go to our family, our friends and co-workers with;  
What Jesus has already provided – they need to change their minds about that.  
So We As His **Ambassadors** Are Saying to the World...

**Romans 3:23**

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Isaiah 1:18**

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

**Romans 10:9**

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

**1 Corinthians 15:3**

that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

They will kill me for saying that – maybe, but...

**This Is Another Excellent Thing About An Ambassador**

There's a powerful fact about being an Ambassador.

Whenever negotiation between two powers breakdown and war is inevitable, That Nation will Always Resend Their Ambassadors, Then the Wrath of That Nation is brought against the offending country.

**WILL YOU COME WITH US**

**1b.) The Way out of death**

**v. 20**

as though God were pleading through us:

how can this possibly be. God the **All Powerful**, God the **All Present**,  
The King of Kings and Lord of Lords is what?

**Pleading to our dying souls. Pleading to save them.  
And His Pleading – Comes Through Us.**

**NO WONDER WE'RE TO PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD.  
WE'RE MARCHING INTO A BATTLE – A WAR ZONE**

What's Really Going On Behind The Scenes

## **WILL YOU COME WITH US**

**1c.) The way out of hell**

**v. 20**

**we implore you on Christ's behalf,**

*we = a united church effort to reach the lost, the condemned*  
**“The Sending Out”**

**implore you =**

**παρακαλέω parakaleo, par-ak-al-eh'-o;**

to come along someone with the call or to call, to invite them, to exhort them to decide.

**on Christ's behalf,**

**ὑπέρ huper, hoop-er';** a primary preposition;

in the place of a representative, declaring the policy of the kingdom. To execute the will of the King.

### **2 Peter 3:9-10a**

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you,\* not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. **10** But the day of the Lord will come...

## **WILL YOU COME WITH US**

**2.) Our God offers you peace with Him**

**v. 20-21a**

be reconciled to God. :21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us,

DID YOU HEAR THAT ? -- I SUBMIT TO YOU THAT NO HUMAN  
COULD HAVE DREAMT THIS UP.

that God would say that to me. To you is **beyond human imagination**.

I have an idea - "I will become your sin – I will die your death,  
you will have My righteousness, and you will have My life.

## WILL YOU COME WITH US

2a.) Peace by **removing**

v. 20

be **reconciled** to **God**.

There is a way back to God and that way  
**results** in peace with God

### Colossians 1:13-20

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. :15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. :19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, **having made peace through the blood of His cross.**

### Col. 2:13-14

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, **having nailed it to the cross.**

## WILL YOU COME WITH US

2b.) Peace by **perfection**

v. 21

For He made **Him** who knew no sin

There is a way back to God and that way  
**demands** perfection

**Isaiah 53:5-6, 10a**

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. **6** All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all... **10a** Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin,

**1 Tim. 1:15**

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

**WILL YOU COME WITH US**

**2c.) Peace by transfer**

**v. 21**

to be sin for us,

There is a way back to God  
And it's **extravagantly** expensive

**There's a picture being painted here in the minds of** the Corinthian believers, though Greeks, they would not have been ignorant of the Jewish sacrificial worship that God had the Jews to "practice" until the coming of Christ – The Lamb.

**The Levitical Priesthood & The Sacrifice.**

( the sins pronounced, the lamb is slain, the sinner is cleared )

**John 1:29**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

**John 19:30**

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

**Mark 15:33-34**

Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. **34** And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

*(psa.22)*

**Rev. 5:6**

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain,

**Heb. 7:26**

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

**WILL YOU COME WITH US**

**3.) Our God offers you life thru Him v. 21**

**2 Cor. 5:21**

that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**WILL YOU COME WITH US**

**3a.) Giving you absolute assurance v. 21**

that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**WILL YOU COME WITH US**

**3b.) Giving you complete acceptance v. 21**

become the righteousness of God

this “become or becoming” God’s righteousness is impossible to entertain in our hearts and minds without His grace.

**Rom. 8:1a (-)**

There is therefore now **no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus,

**Eph 1:5 (+)**

having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He **made us accepted** in the Beloved.

## WILL YOU COME WITH US

3c.) Giving you eternal security

v. 21

Verse 21

that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

THE righteousness of God in Him

This is a Sovereign **Theo-legal, Theo-logical, Theo-practical** Act of God. He has organized and empowered the process by which mankind is made secure in His presence forever.

Col. 1:21-23

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled **22** in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight **23** if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard

## WILL YOU COME WITH US

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<<

*Come Forward for Prayer*

————— *End of Study* —————

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