**Send: Ambassadors for Christ**

2 Corinthians 5:9-21

**2 Corinthians 5:9 (ESV)**So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him.

**2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV)**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.

**2 Corinthians 5:11 (ESV)**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.

**2 Corinthians 5:12 (ESV)**We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.

**2 Corinthians 5:13 (ESV)**For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

**2 Corinthians 5:14 (ESV)**For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died;

**2 Corinthians 5:15 (ESV)**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 5:16 (ESV)**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.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**2 Corinthians 5:18 (ESV)**All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

**2 Corinthians 5:19 (ESV)**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.

**2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV)**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 5:21 (ESV)**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 5:20 (ESV)**Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ …

**What should motivate you to be Christ’s ambassador?**

1. **A Desire for God’s Pleasure**

**2 Corinthians 5:9 (ESV)**So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him.

**2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV)**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.

**2 Corinthians 5:11 (ESV)**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.

**2 Corinthians 5:12 (ESV)**We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.

**2 Corinthians 5:13 (ESV)**For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

**1 Corinthians 3:11 (ESV)**

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**1 Corinthians 3:12 (ESV)**

Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—

**1 Corinthians 3:13 (ESV)**

each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

1. **A Response to God’s Love**

**2 Corinthians 5:14 (ESV)**For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died;

**2 Corinthians 5:15 (ESV)**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 5:16 (ESV)**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.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

1. **A Partnership in God’s Mission**

**2 Corinthians 5:18 (ESV)**All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

**2 Corinthians 5:19 (ESV)**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.

**2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV)**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 5:21 (ESV)**For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

**El Salvador Mission Trip**

June 25-July 2, 2022

Next Meeting: February 13 at 3:30 in Room 1307