



## Your Part in Christ's Ministry

2 Corinthians 5:1-21

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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. 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 5:20-21 ESV)**

### **Introduction:**

Research shows that most self-identifying Christians are not personally involved in evangelism and discipleship. Here in Japan, that enduring “less than 1% Christian” description of Japanese society is perhaps not because of a lack of conversions, but the lack of worshiping, discipling and witnessing communities. Let’s read from the apostle Paul and then consider more closely what I believe the Spirit is saying the Church today.

### **1. The fear of the LORD. (2 Corinthians 5:1-10)**

- Tents and mortality, houses for eternity.
- Putting “walk by faith, not by sight” into proper context.

### **2. Does the love of Christ compel you? (2Corinthians 5:11-15)**

- Seeing yourself, your neighbors and your enemies through the love of Christ.
- When someone is really saved, they show and tell others of Christ’s love.

### **3. Entrusted with the message of reconciliation. (2Corinthians 5:16-21)**

- What does it mean to be a minister of the gospel?
- Christ has entrusted to us “the message of reconciliation.”

### **Conclusion:**

Through 2Corinthians 5:20-21 Paul teaches three key truths: 1) We are saved to show and tell others the way of salvation. 2) The “we” of 2Corinthians 5:20 is first speaking of Paul, Silvanus and Timothy (2Co1:19). 3) We should receive Christ’s redemption and bear our cross through community worship, discipleship, and witness so that none might perish.

### **For our prayerful study, discussion and application:**

- 1) Read 2Corinthians 5:1-10. Why is the judgment seat of Christ important to the gospel?
- 2) Read 2Corinthians 5:11-15. How does Paul connect the fear and love of the Lord?
- 3) Read 2Corinthians 5:16-21. What is the message of reconciliation and who will you tell?



### **BIBLE VERSES OF THE WEEK**

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2025 Annual Theme : Living in God’s Presence through Wholehearted Praise  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!  
(Psalm 100:4)