

This Is Us Series
Let's Make Things Right
2 Corinthians 5:11-21
November 4, 2018

2 Corinthians 5:11–21 — **11** *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. 12 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. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 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. 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**; 19 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**. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be **reconciled** to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

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1. Endeavor to live a life that is **OPEN TO GOD & OTHERS**. 2 Corinthians 5:11-15

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2. Experience God's reconciling work **IN JESUS**. 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

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3. Embrace the **MISSION OF RECONCILIATION**. 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

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Let's talk about making things right...

1. Why do you think it's important to have a healthy fear of the Lord in our lives (v.11)?
2. How can we seek to live as open a life before others as we do before God (v.11)?
3. Why are we so prone to evaluate people based on what they have or how they look (v.12)?
4. How can we know the extent of Jesus' love for us (v.14)?
5. Why can't a person who has had things made right in their lives live for themselves (v.15)?
6. What happens when a person regards Jesus "according to the flesh" (v.16)?
7. How do you know that you are in Christ (v.17)?
8. What has God given us when things are made right between us and Him (v.18)?
9. What has been entrusted to us (v.19)?
10. How can we be faithful in our assigned task as ambassadors for Christ (v.20)?