

The Gospel Life: Going with the Gospel Dr. Landon Dowden August 4, 2024 | 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Passage in a Sentence: As ambassadors of Christ, we go with the gospel by faithfully stewarding both the ministry and the message of reconciliation.

AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST ARE THOSE:

- I. WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE MIRACLE OF RECONCILIATION (5:17-18a)
 - a. Reconciliation is God's Will
 - b. Reconciliation is God's Work
 - c. Reconciliation is for Our Wonder and Worship
 - i. We are changed (5:17)
 - ii. We are controlled (5:14)
 - iii. We are compelled (5:15)
- II. WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION (5:18b; 4:1-12)
 - a. We are stewards
 - b. We are servants
 - c. We are willing to suffer (4:7-12)
 - i. God sustains us (4:7)
 - ii. God shows Christ through us (4:11)
- III. WHO FAITHFULLY PROCLAIM THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION (5:19-21)
 - a. The Content (the forgiveness of sins by Christ's life, death, and resurrection)
 - i. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord (4:5)
 - b. The Call (be reconciled to God!!!)