

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for August 1, 2010

“Reconciliation”
2 Corinthians 5:20

What do we learn about reconciliation from 2 Corinthians 5:18-20?

The ministry of reconciliation proceeds from and returns to God (2 Corinthians 5:18).

The word of reconciliation needs to be extended to everyone in this world without making any distinctions (2 Corinthians 5:19).

When Paul referred to “the world” in 2 Corinthians 5:19, we must understand that his reference to “the world” is a reference to mankind in general and not to all of mankind in its totality.

The ministers of reconciliation who are proclaiming the word of reconciliation need to proclaim this message passionately (2 Corinthians 5:20).

Webster’s Dictionary defines an ambassador as an agent of highest rank assigned to a foreign government, or sovereign, as a resident representative of his or her own government, or sovereign.

When ambassadors of Christ faithfully and accurately communicate the message of reconciliation, that communication should be viewed by all parties as having been spoken by God Himself.

Paul was begging those who were still alienated from God to receive His offer of reconciliation, for he knew that if they rejected His offer they would be ultimately condemned.

May God give us the grace to be passionate about the ministry and the message of reconciliation that we as the ambassadors of Christ have been given.