



WHO'S YOUR ONE? **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

Paul is the only New Testament writer to use the verb "to reconcile" and the noun "reconciliation". Those words appear 5 times in the text. Reconciliation is an indication that something was wrong in a relationship.

We have the privilege of helping people get into a right relationship with God. There is no greater joy other than our own salvation than to see someone birthed into God's family.

Do you have your "one"?

DEFINITE TRANSFORMATION - Verses 16, 17

We see Jesus differently & look at people differently after being saved.

Source of Transformation - "**From now on, then**" points to the death & resurrection of Christ

Supernatural Transformation - **John 3:3**. Being born-again is a supernatural creative act of God.

DIVINE INITIATION - Verses 18a, 19a

"**Everything is from God**" shows salvation is a sovereign work. God is the reconciler. He reconciles us to Himself.

"**That is, in Christ...**" Reconciliation can only take place in Christ, **Acts 4:12**.

DEFINED COMMISSION - Verses 18b, 19b, 20

We are ambassadors for Christ.

Ministry (18b) = "service" the Greek word is DIAKONIAN from which we get the word "deacon".

Message (19b) – The message of reconciliation is the gospel

Method (20) - "**plead**" = DEOMIA [Greek] = beg

DRAMATIC TRANSACTION - Verse 21

Jesus is our vicarious sacrifice, **Gal 3:13; John 1:29**

Reconciliation is based on imputation. Our sin was placed on Christ. His righteousness is placed on us. This is the vicarious, substitutionary, sacrifice of God the Son for our sins.

Three takeaways:

1. Reconciliation is God's initiative.
2. God acted through Jesus to provide reconciliation.
3. God uses those who have been reconciled to help reconcile others.

Who's your "one"? Will you pray for someone who is without Christ and then purpose to share the gospel with that person?