

Reconciliation 2 Corinthians 5:17

Intro: 4 Pastors in Big Lots

Many people no joy

Irregular attendance no one will witness

**The real need of most is a true
understanding of being**

Reconciled to God

The Meaning of Reconciliation

Reconciliation – Primary former enemies becoming friends,

Note changed relationship between a person and God.

Romans 5 – “But if when we enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son.”

**The unsaved – will experience God's wrath,
but God gave His Son so we might have
peace with our Creator.**

**ILL. Hosea and Gomer- broken marriage –
relation –**

He brought him back

The Agent of Reconciliation,

V18 “God has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ.”

The agent of reconciliation is JESUS CHRIST!

The agent was made sin for us – v21 He took our sin! All the work of God! V19 “IN CHRIST.”

The totality of reconciliation

The reconciled person becomes A NEW CREATION – TOTALLY NEW

The old is passed away – old life, sin, guilt, deadness

All things are new. The heart is not left empty

Indwelled by the Holy Spirit all new in Christ

Focus from self to God

Still new every day

The secret of reconciliation

**The secret is to be “in” Christ a relationship
If any man – Possibility a person could miss
Jesus Christ.**

**If Any man – Open invitation to any person
Revelation 22:17 – “Whosoever will, let him
take of the water of life freely.”**

The Ministry of reconciliation

A God Given Ministry (v19) Main work of a Christian A noble ministry – Ambassador from Christ Involves urgent evangelism – God’s appeal thought us (v20)

We implore, beg, exhort, people to be reconciled to God.

We have a great salvation – completely God-centered Involves us in evangelizing of our Lord We must be totally committed to reaching.