THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

2 Corinthians 5:11–6:2

Key Verse: 5:18

1. What motivated Paul? (5:10,11a) Why was he defending himself? (11b,12; cf. 1:14) What were some saying about him, and how did he explain? (13) What can we learn from him?
2. What does Paul mean by, “Christ’s love compels us”? (14a) What does it mean that “all died”? (14b; Gal2:20) How does the death of Christ change us? (15; Ro14:7,8) In Christ, how do we see others and ourselves differently, and why is this important? (16,17)
3. Read verse 18. What does the word “reconciled” mean? What does it mean to be “reconciled” to God? (See also Eph2:13–18) What can we learn here about God?
4. What does it mean that he gives us the ministry and message of reconciliation? (18b–20) What does it mean to live as Christ’s ambassadors? To “implore” others?
5. How did Christ make our reconciliation with God possible? (21a) What does it mean to “become the righteousness of God”? (21b)
6. How else does Paul urge us, and what does this mean? (6:1) What Scripture does he quote, and how does he apply it? (2) In light of this, what should we do?