

## **Restoration of Relationships in Christ**

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Big idea: The power of Christ transforms to no longer seek separation from God and others, but to become ambassadors of Christ and ministers of reconciliation. We are made new in Christ.

- I. Paul's personal testimony.-vs. 11-13, 21
- II. The transformative power of the gospel.-vs. 14-20
  - A. Jesus transforms us from living for ourselves to living for him.-vs. 14-15
  - B. Jesus transforms us to see people with the eyes of heaven.-vs. 16
  - C. Jesus makes us new.-vs. 17
  - D. Jesus transforms us to be ministers of reconciliation, representing God on the earth.-vs.18-20
- III. Take home:
  - A. Jesus is the centerpiece and the reason for redemptive relationships.
  - B. Jesus transforms us to care for people.
  - C. God always takes the first step to us so that we can take the first step toward others.