

# BIG DAY

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BIG DAY evangelism is what happens when a local church plans, prays and prepares for one special Sunday when they will invite guests into their worship service in hopes of sharing the life changing gospel message of Jesus Christ. At the same time, the church also shows great love and hospitality to those who attend. BIG DAY evangelism does not have to be expensive but it does need to be planned and done well. Any size church willing to make a great commitment to our great God and show great love to people made in His image can do BIG DAY evangelism. **BIG DAY Evangelism will demonstrate how churches should use BIG DAY evangelism as part of their annual evangelism strategy as well as provide practical steps on how to carry it out.** May the Lord use the contents of this workbook to help the local church spread the good news of Jesus with people who are lost without Him.

## WHAT IS BIG DAY?

By BIG DAY we mean a service in the life of a local church that is different than the rest. The BIG DAY will be different in at least three ways:

1. **Different in Emphasis.** The emphasis of this service will be to share the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in a way that lost and unchurched people can: understand the message, understand that a response is required on their part, and be given an opportunity to embrace Christ as Savior and Lord.
2. **Different in Engagement.** On a BIG DAY, the whole church needs to be “all in” working together to accomplish the above mission. The music team will be all in, the greeters will be all in, the childcare team will be all in, the pastor will be all in, the deacons, Sunday school teacher, WMU leaders, committee members, and the whole congregation will be all in on this BIG DAY.
3. **Different in Expectations.** On a BIG DAY, the church will be surprised if guests do not show up and if the service is not at its very best.

**So a BIG DAY is a day set-aside in the life of the church that is different in emphasis, different in engagement, and different in expectations for the purpose of the lost being invited to be saved and working together on the mission of Jesus.**

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# BIG DAY EVANGELISM:

## SESSION 1: “Why Should Churches Do “Big Day” Evangelism?”

1. The Church was born on a BIG DAY.
  - a. Pentecost brought a crowd of people (Acts 2:9-11).
  - b. Peter preached to the crowd of people (Acts 2:14-16).
  - c. People were saved (Acts 2:37-41)!
2. Lost people can be saved on a BIG DAY.
  - a. People often respond to Christ when the gospel is preached and when an invitation is given.
  - b. Unbelievers may attend worship services (1 Corinthians 14:24a).
  - c. Unbelievers may be convicted of sin through the preaching of God’s Word (1 Corinthians 14:24b).
  - d. Unbelievers may accept Christ during the worship service (1 Corinthians 14:25).
3. Big Days motivate people to invite others!
  - a. The BIG DAY creates a reason for a church invitation.
  - b. The BIG DAY reminds the Christian of their evangelistic responsibilities.
  - c. The BIG DAY helps a person become like Phillip in the New Testament (John 1:46).

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4. People will come to church services on BIG DAYS.
    - a. Jesus said there is a harvest waiting to be brought in (John 4:35).
    - b. Eight out of 10 unchurched people indicate they would attend a service if invited (Thom Rainer, “A Resurgence Not Yet Fulfilled,” 39).
    - c. Seventy-five to 90 percent of those who come to faith did so through the influence of a friend or relative (Tom Mercer, Oikos, 37).
  5. BIG DAYS bring encouragement.
    - a. The people who invite are encouraged when their friends come.
    - b. The people who are invited are encouraged that someone cares for them.
    - c. The church is encouraged by the new faces.
  6. BIG DAYS create a connection to the church.
    - a. The guest has a friend that is part of the church.
    - b. The guest becomes familiar with the facilities of the church.
    - c. The guest becomes familiar with the ministries of the church.



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## SESSION 1: WHY SHOULD CHURCHES DO “BIG DAY” EVANGELISM?

7. BIG DAYS can be a starting point.
  - a. The BIG DAY can kick off a Bible teaching class/church-wide campaign
  - b. The guest is encouraged to stay for the remainder of the series
  - c. The guest is encouraged to be part of the next weeks Sunday school or smallgroup
8. BIG DAYS don't have to be expensive.
  - a. Invitation cards, social media ads, or flyers are often inexpensive.
  - b. The pastor is encouraged to preach (a guest speaker is not required).
  - c. The greatest form of advertisement is free! The loving invite of a Christian friend.
9. BIG DAYS bring life to the neighborhood.
  - a. Neighbors see a full parking lot.
  - b. The church sees a future.
  - c. Guests experience the Lord.

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## SESSION 2:

### How to Carry out BIG DAY Evangelism Seven Steps to a Great BIG DAY

#### **BUT FIRST:** Set the Stage

Who had people over for Thanksgiving?

- How did you get people to your house?
- What did you do to get ready for them?
- What did you do while they were there?
- What did you do after they left?

#### **STEP ONE:** Pick the Day

What day will you use?

- Give enough time to prepare.
- Pick a day that people are available.
- Take advantage of natural BIG DAYS.
- Get buy-in from the church.
- Put it on the calendar and clear away.
- Make the BIG DAY a big priority.

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## SESSION 2: SEVEN STEPS TO A

### **STEP TWO: Plan the Event**

**What will you do on your BIG DAY?**

- Preach a special sermon geared for outsiders.
- Sing your very best music.
- Have someone give a life change testimony.
- Make a big deal over guests.
- Announce upcoming events/activities.
- Announce programs you offer to the community.

### **STEP THREE: Pick the People**

**Who will you invite to your BIG DAY?**

- Invite your family.
- Invite your friends.
- Invite your hair-dresser/barber.
- Invite your teacher.
- Invite your neighbor.
- Invite former members.
- (If you invite many people some will come.)



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## **STEP FOUR:** Prepare the Place

How will you prepare the building for guests?

- Fix the things that are broken.
- Take down the “Use Other Door” signs.
- Clean the building and bathroom(s) thoroughly.
- Make the outside look as nice as possible.
- Get rid of unneeded clutter.
- Paint if necessary.

## **STEP FIVE:** Prepare to Bless

How will the congregation go the extra mile for guests?

- Consider door greeters and parking lot greeters.
- Consider fresh flowers in the lobby/sanctuary.
- Consider refreshments or a meal for all guests.
- Consider a small gift (if affordable).
- Consider saving the best parking places for guests.
- Consider saving the best seats for guests.

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## SESSION 2: SEVEN STEPS TO A

### **STEP SIX: Prepare Yourself**

How will you prepare personally for the BIG DAY?

- Preacher, practice your message and make it great.
- Singers, rehearse your music before time.
- Bulletin preparers, double check for errors.
- Greeters, dress your best and greet with a smile.
- Teachers, prepare your best lesson.
- Child-care workers, be early and ready for children.
- Everybody, pray, pray, pray and come prepared to greet and welcome guests.

### **STEP SEVEN: Plan for Follow-Up**

How will you follow-up with BIG DAY guests?

- Consider a registration card with 100 percent participation.
- Consider taking a gift to the home of every guest.
- Consider picking the following Tuesday night for members to do the follow-up.
- Consider preparing an invitation to take along for your next church event.

# GREAT "BIG DAY"

## GETTING STARTED: What to Do Next?

Who will plan your BIG DAY?

- Use your own procedure.
- Consider a Team of 5 to 7 people.
- The Team will be responsible for the steps.
- They will recruit people to help with each step.
- TEAM = *T*ogether *E*ach *A*ccomplishes *M*ore.
- Whatever your procedure, make it fun for all to the glory of God.

## WRAP IT UP: Other Considerations

1. Schedule a BIG DAY.
2. Have the congregation list 5 people they will invite.
3. Set an attendance goal.
4. Canvass the community.
5. Do a service project.
6. Begin a new sermon series on the BIG DAY.
7. Coordinate home prayer meetings the week before BIG DAY.

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## **SESSION 2: WHO SHOULD BE INVOLVED?**

**The BIG DAY Planning Team consists of the following:**

### **THE OUTREACH LEADER**

- **A person who has a heart for evangelism and soul winning.**
- **A team player who can enlist others to assist with outreach.**
- **The Outreach Team will plan the community outreach before the BIG DAY.**

### **THE PRAYER LEADER**

- **A person who believes in and practices prayer.**
- **A team player who can enlist others to assist in prayer.**
- **The Prayer Team will encourage prayer leading up to the BIG DAY by:**
  - a. **Reminding each Sunday school class/small group to pray.**
  - b. **Having a special prayer during the services leading up to the BIG DAY.**
  - c. **Conducting and planning prayer gatherings before the BIG DAY.**

# THE “BIG DAY” PLANNING TEAM

## THE FOLLOW-UP LEADER

- **A person who is friendly and evangelistic.**
- **A team player who can enlist others to assist with follow-up.**
- **The Follow-Up Team will visit, write notes and make phone calls to the guests.**
  - a. Be ready for follow-up on Tuesday after the BIG DAY. Bring church information and a gift.
  - c. Don't attempt to go into the home unless invited.
  - d. Speak to the people on their porch, thank them for attending, give a gift (if affordable), and give an invitation to an upcoming church event.
  - e. End the visit by offering to pray for the family.

## THE FIRST IMPRESSIONS LEADER

- **A person who is gifted with organization and decoration abilities.**
- **A team player who can recruit others to assist with the first impressions ministry.**
- **The First Impressions Team will make the church ready for guests by:**
  - a. Giving attention to the cleanliness of the church.
  - b. Printing/designing bulletins & information cards.
  - c. Enlisting ushers and greeters.

## SESSION 2: WHO SHOULD BE INVOLVED? THE “BIG DAY” PLANNING TEAM

### THE PASTOR’S ROLE

- Meet weekly with team leaders to give guidance and encouragement
- Give support from the podium for the good work being done
- Encourage the entire congregation to be involved in the Big Day
- Use the Teams beyond the Big Day

# **BIG DAY EVANGELISM:**

## **Getting Ready for Guests**

**You may be aware of churches that are so driven by the “guest experience” that they lose site of the fact that worship is about honoring and lifting up Christ. On the other hand, some churches all but ignore guests because they have become apathetic and unconcerned about reaching new people. Both represent extremes to be avoided. In preparation for a BIG DAY, churches should expect guests to join them and desire for them to have a positive experience that honors Christ.**

**Many church consultants have noted that most first-time guests make a decision as to whether they will return to a church within the first 10 minutes of their arrival. That means long before they hear any singing or listen to the pastor’s message, guests have already decided if they will return. That makes getting ready for guests important!**

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## BIG DAY: WHY IS IT IMPORTANT

1. Every guest who comes to church is loved by the Lord.
2. Jesus was approachable and welcoming of strangers and so should we.
3. We prepare our own homes inside and out for our guests.
4. Preparation helps alleviate the anxiety many first time guests feel.
5. A lack of preparation for guests may communicate to them the church is unconcerned about them.
6. The enemy is already working hard to discourage a first-time guest from attending church, especially nonbelievers, so even little inconveniences can be magnified in their minds as reasons to leave and not return.



## TO GET READY FOR GUESTS?

7. Welcoming and guest-friendly churches are often growing churches.
8. Christian hospitality is not an option for churches (Hebrews 13:2) and it requires preparation.
9. People are often treated impersonally in the world, and the church should be the one place where guests are anticipated, joyfully welcomed and valued.
10. Guests related ministries provide an excellent way for many church members to serve and grow in their faith. Guest ministries also provide excellent opportunities for whole families to serve together. Consider establishing a First Impressions Team and a Follow Up Team before your Big Day.

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# BIG DAY: PREPARING FOR

## BEFORE GUESTS ARRIVE:

Many guests will visit your website before they visit your facilities.

- \_\_\_ Is the website appearance clean and attractive?
- \_\_\_ Is website information accurate and up to date?
- \_\_\_ Do service times and building location appear in the opening screen?
- \_\_\_ Does the website answers questions in simple, short sentences, like:
  - What do we believe?
  - What should I expect?
  - Where should I go when I arrive?
  - Do you provide child care and how does the process work for checking in children?
  - What do I wear?

## GUESTS CHECK LIST

### OUTSIDE APPEARANCE & VOLUNTEERS:

As guests pull onto the church property, the 10-minute clock begins to tick. Here are some things to consider.

- \_\_\_ Is the grass cut and is the landscaping neat and trim?
- \_\_\_ Is the building appearance attractive and well maintained?
- \_\_\_ Are directional signs highly visible?
- \_\_\_ Is a parking lot greeter stationed in the lot? Is he/she clearly identified? They should give a friendly wave and be prepared to direct guests to Guest Parking.
- \_\_\_ Are guest parking spots clearly identified?
- \_\_\_ Can guests quickly identify outside signage that clearly and accurately directs them to where they should go?

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# BIG DAY: PREPARING FOR

## AS GUESTS ENTER THE BUILDING:

- Are friendly door openers clearly identified and stationed at every entrance?
- Are friendly greeters clearly identified and stationed just inside every entrance? Greeters should avoid sitting or carrying on conversations with each other.
- Are greeters knowledgeable about directing guests where they need to go?
- Are greeters prepared to give guests printed materials that are simple, clean and attractive? Don't overload the printed material with information not important to guests. Do include things like the current worship series, child-care information, church leadership, and upcoming activities that guests may attend.

## GUEST CHECK LIST

### AS GUESTS NAVIGATE THROUGH THE BUILDING:

- \_\_\_ Does building signage clearly and accurately direct guests to a welcome center, worship space & child care?
- \_\_\_ Are restrooms are clearly marked? Are they clean and well stocked?
- \_\_\_ Are child care workers are warm and friendly?
- \_\_\_ Is the child care area clean, attractive, uncluttered, and stocked with up-to-date furniture, toys and artwork?
- \_\_\_ Is the process for checking in children simple, safe and secure?
- \_\_\_ Is the worship space clean, attractive and inviting?
- \_\_\_ Are friendly greeters stationed in the worship space entrance and are they prepared to help guests find seating?
- \_\_\_ Train your members that they are all on the Greeter Team when it comes to guests.

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## BIG DAY: PREPARING FOR GUEST CHECK LIST

### BIG DAY WORSHIP PRESERVICE:

As the 10-minute clock runs out...

- \_\_\_ Is worshipful, celebrative music playing in the background?
- \_\_\_ Are members greeting guests and one another?
- \_\_\_ Are simple and attractive information slides scrolling? Consider using the same look and content as the printed piece you gave guests as they entered.

# BIG DAY TIMELINE

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## **TODAY:**

- **Begin praying for a great harvest through BIG DAY.**

## **6 MONTHS BEFORE THE BIG DAY:**

- **Get the BIG DAY on the calendar.**
- **Get other key leaders to help you in selecting the date.**
- **Select BIG DAY scriptural theme.**
- **Recruit a guest speaker, if used.**

## **5 MONTHS BEFORE THE BIG DAY:**

- **Recruit help to develop event graphic and printed promotional/prayer materials (i.e. poster, yard signs, door hangers, bulletin inserts, prayer guides, bookmarks and invite cards). If you need help, consider web services like [www.ignitermedia.com](http://www.ignitermedia.com) and [www.outreach.com](http://www.outreach.com).**



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## 3 MONTHS BEFORE THE BIG DAY:

- Gather leaders for their buy in.
- Request leader's prayer support for the BIG DAY.
- All promotional materials ordered.
- Plan special prayer gatherings and emphasis (i. e. a day of fasting, solemn assembly).
- Lodging and travel arrangements secured for guest speaker, if used.
- Train a Follow-up Team. The team should be prepared to immediately connect with people who are saved with disciple-making relationships, including a small group and one-on-one.

## 2 MONTHS BEFORE THE BIG DAY:

- Distribute prayer guides or bookmarks to members. For an example, check out North American Mission Board's "Who's Your One" Prayer Guide and bookmark ([nambstore.com](http://nambstore.com)) or the Kentucky Baptist Convention's "7 Most Loved" bookmark ([kybaptist.org/evangelism](http://kybaptist.org/evangelism)).
- Begin weekly or bi-weekly special prayer gatherings.
- Order connection cards.
- Order gifts for guests.



# TIMELINE

## **1 MONTH BEFORE THE BIG DAY:**

- **Continue weekly special prayer gatherings.**
- **Promote the BIG DAY during congregational gatherings.**
- **Promote the BIG DAY on church website, social media, yard signs, posters, invite cards, local paper and other effective avenues.**
- **Recruit and train decision counselors.**
- **Select and rehearse worship songs.**
- **Begin message preparation.**
- **Recruit and train all greeters.**
- **Honorarium requested for guest speaker, if used.**

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## 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE BIG-DAY:

- Plan a work day to prepare the facilities inside and out.
- Call for day a of fasting, and/or solemn assembly.
- Continue promotional campaign on church website, social media, local paper.
- Invite members to distribute door hangers in their neighborhoods.
- Continue giving out invite cards.

## 1 WEEK BEFORE THE BIG DAY:

- Final special prayer gatherings.
- Continue promotional campaign.
- Message completed.
- All service A/V material has been reviewed, loaded and ready to go.

# TIMELINE

## WEDNESDAY BEFORE BIG DAY:

- Service run-through with musicians, A/V tech and decision counselors.
- Ensure plenty of connection cards and pens are in the worship center.

## MORNING OF BIG DAY:

- Greeters in place at least one hour before start time.
- BIG DAY!

## THE DAY AFTER THE BIG DAY:

- Follow Up Team begins immediate process of connecting those newly saved to disciple-making relationships and evangelism training.

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# SERMON NUMBER ONE: HOSPITALITY IN THE CHURCH


## INTRODUCTION

- The world can be a cruel place!
- Historically, Christians have been treated with cruelty!
- Christians should be loving people (not cruel)!
- This love should be present, especially, within our churches.

## SERMON TEXT

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble, <sup>9</sup> not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you may inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For **the one who wants to love life and to see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit, <sup>11</sup> and let him turn away from evil and do what is good. Let him seek peace and pursue it, <sup>12</sup> because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do what is evil.** <sub>1</sub>

1 Christian Standard Bible (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2017),  
1 Peter 3:8–12.

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- Peter is addressing a group of scattered Christians who are being persecuted.
  - Peter desires the believers to remain Christlike and unified during persecution.
  - Peter makes a promise... that those who give blessings will inherit a blessing!
  - Church's today must learn to bless!

#### **A BLESSED CHURCH BLESSES PEOPLE**

### **MY CHURCH BLESSES PEOPLE WHEN IT IS HARMONIOUS**

- **Observation**
  - a. “ 8 Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble” 3:8
- **Interpretation**
  - a. Peter instructs the Christians to be...
    - i. Like-minded.
    - ii. Sympathetic.
    - iii. Loving.
    - iv. Compassionate.
    - v. Humble.



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# SERMON

- b. This is how the church is to act towards each other.
- c. Living like this looks like Jesus and brings harmony within the body.

- **Illustration**

- a. Guests and visitors know when a church is NOT harmonious.
  - i. There is anger!
  - ii. There is awkwardness!
  - iii. There is apathy!
  - iv. There is an absence of Christ!

- **Application**

- a. For a church to be a blessing it must apply these principles:
  - i. Have I gone solo when I need to be a team player?
  - ii. Have I forgotten to show love?
  - iii. Have I become cold-hearted?

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## MY CHURCH BLESSES PEOPLE WHEN IT EXERCISES GRACE

- **Observation**

- a. “not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you may inherit a blessing,” (1 Peter 3:9)

- **Interpretation**

- a. Peter continues his thoughts, Christians are not to seek revenge,
- b. Instead, they are to bless:  
This means: “εὐλογέω<sup>b</sup>; εὐλογία<sup>c</sup>, ας<sup>f</sup>; κατευλογέω: to ask God to bestow divine favor on, with the implication that the verbal act itself constitutes a significant benefit—to bless, blessing<sub>2</sub>
- c. Believers are to pray for those who attempt to harm them.

- **Illustration**

- a. When a church begins to reach out they may attract different types of people!
  - i. Hopefully, these people won’t persecute the church (like in Peter’s day).

2. Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains (New York: United Bible Societies, 1996), 441.

- ii. But they may have an assortment of problems (i.e. addiction, disruptive, or sinful lifestyles).
  - iii. Lord willing they will experience Christ and HIS amazing grace!
- **Application**
    - a. Preach the truth and don't compromise...but be a blessing and pray for the lost!

## MY CHURCH BLESSES PEOPLE AND IT WILL BE BLESSED

- **Observation**
  - a. “For the one who wants to love life and to see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit, <sup>11</sup> and let him turn away from evil and do what is good. Let him seek peace and pursue it, <sup>12</sup> because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do what is evil,”  
(1 Peter 3:10-3:12)



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- **Interpretation**

- a. Peter quotes a variation of Psalm 34 (a Psalm about God delivering his people).
- b. Peter wants the people to experience the peace found in Psalm 34.
- c. What is the blessing they will inherit?
  - i. Good days.
  - ii. Peace.
  - iii. God's favor (magnifying God and powerful prayer!).

- **Illustration**

- a. A hospitable church experiences good days!
  - i. It doesn't mean that hardships won't come (remember Peter's audience was being persecuted).
  - ii. The Church will reflect Jesus.
  - iii. The Church will demonstrate Christ to the community.

- **Application**

- a. Is your church missing out on blessings because it refuses to bless?

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## SERMON NUMBER ONE CONTINUED

- **We should be thankful that Jesus has blessed us**
  - He was in harmony with the Father's plan (willing to die).
  - He extended grace through his sacrifice.
  - He gave us a blessing when he saved us.
- **Why would his church not look like him?**
  - Why would we refuse to live in harmony with his other children?
  - Why would we not extend grace to visitors and guests?
  - Why would you not want peace?
- **Will you make the commitment to be a church that blesses?**

## CONCLUSION

- **God will bless a church that blesses people.  
Let's commit!**

# SERMON NUMBER TWO: YOU ARE CALLED TO THIS

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

## INTRODUCTION

Every Christian has been called by God to carry the message of reconciliation to those who are without Christ.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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God in his great mercy has reconciled the world to Himself, in Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but instead He moved them to Jesus' account. In Christ, believers now have...

## 1. **We have a New Identity–New Creations.**

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come,” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Because of our new identity in Christ, we no longer see ourselves as we once did.

### **A Christian is a unique creation.**

- The old has passed away. The old nature no longer has control. Our sin has been nailed to the cross.
- The new has come and everything about us is new. The sin we used to love no longer has the same attraction.
- **Even though we still struggle with sin, we no longer have to live in sin. We are no longer slaves to sin.**

### **We no longer see others as we once did.**

- We may have used others. “How can I use you to advance me?”
- We may have dismissed others.
- We may have despised others.
- We may have discriminated against others.
- We may have idolized others.

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**In Christ we are now free to:**

- Love them.
- Serve them.
- Endure hardship or suffer because of them.
- Speak truth to them.
- Share the Gospel with them.

## **2. We have a Clear Calling– Ministers of Reconciliation**

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation,” (2 Corinthians 5: 18-19)

- When is reconciliation necessary? When two are separated from each other because of a grievance.
- It’s all a work of God. “All this is from God.”
- A Minister of Reconciliation declares to people everywhere, you can be forgiven and restored to God, through Christ. What was broken because of sin is made whole in Christ.

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### **3. We have a Kingdom Role– Ambassadors for Christ**

“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us,” (2 Corinthians 5:20a)

- What does an ambassador do? Represents the king in a foreign land to a people not his own.
- What are the qualities of a good ambassador? Never forgets that the king is the big deal, not him. Stays on message.
- Bad ambassador? Get’s too comfortable and forgets the King and his assignment.

### **4. We have an Urgent Message- Be Reconciled!**

“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God,” (2 Corinthians 5:20b)

- Our message as ambassadors for Christ never changes.
- We preach the cross... Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection!

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### 5. **We stand in Amazing Grace - The Righteousness of God**

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God,” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

- The great exchange is our sinfulness for his righteousness!

Share your story of being reconciled to God in Christ.

Have you been reconciled to God?

Do you want to be saved and become a brand-new creation in Christ?

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