



# ***Just a Reminder: Part 3***

**2 Corinthians 5:11-21**

# Quick Review

- **Two greatest commandments:**
  - Love God
  - Love others
- **Healthy church life**
  - Good teaching of God's Word
  - Fellowship
  - The Lord's Supper
  - Worship
  - Experiencing the miraculous
  - Joy of the Lord
  - Healthy personal walk with God = healthy church life
- **God's reconciliation in us/our ministry of reconciliation**

# Reconciled to God: Context

- **Church in Corinth infiltrated by false teachers**
- **Paul focuses on God**
  - **Father of compassion**
  - **God of comfort**
- **Importance of forgiving sinners**
- **Preaching the Gospel = hope of God**
- **Encouragement to never lose heart**

# Reconciliation

- **What comes to mind?**
  - Make friends after estrangement
  - Settle a quarrel
  - Restore harmony
  - Resolve differences
  - Make peace
  - Smooth over
- **This is what God has done for us through Jesus Christ**
- **We are new creations in Christ**

# New Creation

- **What does a new creation look like?**
- **An extreme makeover: out with the old, in with the new**
- **Once we give our lives to Jesus, we are no longer the same**
- **We become reconciled to God: no turning back**
- **We begin to see life through the eyes of Jesus**
- **Living changed lives so others see Jesus in us**

# Ministry of Reconciliation

- **A message to share with others in word and deed**
- **Christ's love for us compels us to tell others about His saving grace**
- **As new creatures in Christ, we are called to be peacemakers**
- **Are you up for the task?**

# **The Structure of the Gospel: Peter Stuhlmacher**

**The hope of preservation from  
wrath at Judgment  
based on  
Reconciliation with God  
based on  
Justification  
based on  
The death of Christ**

# A Closing Word

- **Being reconciled with God is based on Jesus' death**
- **This hope is given to us to share**
- **It is not an option**
- **Thank God new life in Him**