

**Sermon Series:***“Back to the Basics”*

**Sermon Title:***“Why We Tell Others About Jesus”*

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:9-21

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**Back to the Basics Series:**

* Why We Tell Others about Jesus
* Why We Love the Church
* Why We Rejoice in Trials
* Why We Care about Holiness

**Why Do We Tell Others About Jesus?**

Not many practices are more basic to Christianity than telling others about Jesus. *(Luke 8:39; John 4:29; Acts 17:3; Acts 18:5; Acts 18:28)*

**Why did Paul tell others about Jesus?**

1. **He is our Master:** We live to please God. *(v. 9-11)*

Seeking to please anyone but Christ can lead us to self-serving disobedience.

1. **His Love is Our Motivation:** We are compelled by Christ’s love. *(v. 12-15)*

* In love, Jesus died that we might live ***through***Him, ***with***Him*, and* ***for***Him *(1 John 4:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:15)*
* Paul did not merely enjoy the benefits of Christ’s love. It propelled him forward! (Philippians 3:12-14)

1. **His Commission is Our Ministry:** We are ambassadors for Christ. *(v. 16-21)*

***Scripture:*** *2 Peter 3:9; John 18:36; John 17:16; Acts 1:8*

* God *initiated* a peace plan. He sent His son.
* God *paid* an infinite price for peace. He gave His son.
* God *continues* his peace plan. He forgives our sin.
* God *promotes* his peace plan. He commissions ambassadors.

As ambassadors of King Jesus, we have a message of peace for all who are at enmity with God. Please accept Christ’s terms of peace.

**Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application…**

* How do we let other people’s opinions of us lead us to disobedience to God?
* If we are already saved, why should we care about the judgment seat of Christ?
* Why is it so important to be motivated by Christ’s love (gratitude) rather than performance? What is discouraging about being motivated by performance?
* What are some ways that you can be an effective ambassador for Christ?
* What is significant about Paul’s description of persuading or imploring others to be reconciled?
* Why is the glorious exchange of verse 21 such great news for the hopeless enemies of God?